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—Leslie Raymond was home for the minstreels.

—George Brierton is home from Texas on a visit.

—Miss Daisy Brubaker is visiting friends in Chicago.

—J. A. McDermott was here from Terre Haute today.

—New specialties will be introduced tonight at the minstreels.

—Sheriff Gray is spending the time this week at Gridley Bros' store in Amboy.

—Miss Lulu Brown went to Chicago yesterday and will return home this evening.

—Mrs. F. E. Rice, of East Second street was taken very ill yesterday afternoon.

—Miss Clara Walgren is home from Denver where she has been for more than a year.

—Edward Sanders and Miss Lenny Oellig of Ashton have procured a license to marry.

—Charles Cropsey, who was injured by a horse some ten weeks ago, is able to be out on crutches.

—And now they have a ghost in Rockford who chases school children and rings door-bells.

—D. Y. Andre, who has been very low with typhoid fever since last August, is able to ride out.

—A good buckskin glove found on the Chicago road in South Dixon has been left at this office for the owner.

—Miss Lenore Rosbrook is home from a visit at Parker, South Dakota, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hammerstrom.

—Warren Corwin of Compton received this morning a license to wed with Miss Ida L. Mannon of the same place.

—A marriage license has been granted to Thomas J. Downs of South Dixon, and Miss Agnes E. Fleming of Hamilton.

—Hiram Hetler is looking for a sorrel mare and colt that strayed towards the Kingdom from his farm on the Grand Detour road.

—The Monitor Hook and Ladder Company will give an enjoyable masquerade dance at the Opera House tomorrow night.

—The post office will be closed tomorrow after ten o'clock a. m., until five o'clock p. m., and will be open from five till six.

—This morning County Clerk James H. Thompson granted a license for the marriage of William O'Malia and Miss Maggie Confield of this city.

—Attorney William Pierce of Belvedere, was in Dixon yesterday and today on legal business, and was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

—New strawberries and fresh tomatoes are somewhat of a novelty at this season of the year, but they can both be seen in the window of J. H. Morris & Son's grocery.

—The Minstrel performance will begin at 8 o'clock sharp tonight. They were all ready at that hour last night, but the audience was not all in and that caused delay.

—We received a business letter from our former citizen Charles P. Curran of Prescott, Arizona. He seems well satisfied with his home there, but then Charlie never was a kicker.

—Tomorrow being Thanksgiving day, and the printers having so much to be thankful for that it will take all day to do it, there will be no paper issued from this office tomorrow evening.

—The annual Union Thanksgiving service will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Ostrom will preach the sermon, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

—J. E. Lewis came up from Amboy on an early morning train and returned home on the 9 o'clock. When we saw him Deputy Sheriff McGowan was chasing him down the street; but he didn't have the court house in his pocket.

—Senator Jones, of Arkansas, speaking of the late election, says "the cause of bimetalism triumphed." That is true, but in a different sense from what he had in mind. The republican party is the only one that guarantees the untrammelled use of both kinds of coin.

—Postmaster General Wilson has issued an order prohibiting such notices as "please send out" or "please post up" being written upon the wrappers of third class mail matter. Such notices will subject the matter to first-class rates. The word "personal" or "to be called for" are deemed part of the address and are premissible.

Suicide at Dodgeville.

Special to the EVENING TELEGRAPH.

A dispatch from Dodgeville, Wis., states that today a young man, twenty years of age, and a stranger there, attempted to commit suicide with strichnine. His name is Harrington and the authorities do not know where he came from. He is dying.

Meeting of the North Central Medical Association.

The Twenty-Third Annual meeting of the North Central Illinois Medical Association will be held in Streator, Ill., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 1 and 2. The approaching meeting of this association, which has steadily grown from three counties at its organization to include ten at the present time, affords an opportunity to enterprising practitioners who have a high personal regard for their chosen profession to unite therewith and participate with their fellows in advancing its usefulness. Meetings occur but once annually at a season when other medical societies are not usually in session. The opportunity of listening to Dr. Harold N. Meyer, editor of Medicine and a professor of Rush Medical college; Dr. Franklin H. Martin, secretary and professor of Gynecology, Chicago Post Graduate Medical school; Dr. George N. Kreider, treasurer of the Illinois State Medical Society; and Dr. Clark Gopen, superintendent of the Eastern Illinois Hospital for the insane at Kankakee, in addition to many of the active members of this association, will render the occasion one of unusual interest to the local profession of this immediate section of the state.

The Ostrom and Hillis Meeting

The revival meetings at the Methodist church began last evening. A large congregation was present, making it necessary to open the galleries—a very auspicious opening considering the various attractions of the evening. Dr. Ostrom fully met the high expectations created by the very flattering comments which have appeared in our papers concerning his work in other cities. He is a man of fine presence and is master of those elements of strength in public speech. From the first to the last he held his audience by his forcible presentation of truth, and he impresses one as being a gifted man of God, enjoying the special influences and help of the Divine Spirit.

He preached a very effective sermon from the text: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." Mr. Hillis, the gospel singer, greatly delighted and moved the audience with his singing. These meetings bid fair to be the most effective ever held in Dixon. Dr. Ostrom preaches tonight at 7:30. Song service at 7:15.

—In honor of Thanksgiving Day, C. Wicher, I. B. Countryman's window draper, has put that magnificent show window in elegantly attractive shape. Under a centre canopy, curtained with portieres, is a Thanksgiving dinner table daintily spread with an appetizing turkey and all the et ceteras. This is flanked on either side with pyramids of canned fruits and carving tools, while in front, along the window are a score of large deep trays filled with alternate varieties of fruits and nuts. Morris & Son, whose windows do not admit of as gorgeous a display, have a very unique and attractive lay out. The southerly window is filled with choice confectionary, while in the northerly window the post of honor is held by a monster Turkey, "the Sultan," we should judge, and every inch of the surrounding space is filled with artistically arranged groupings of celery, apples, lemons, oranges, pine, apples, California grapes, figs raisens and fresh strawberries and tomatoes.

—It will probably be no news to most of our readers that Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. The custom of appointing an annual Thanksgiving originated with the Pilgrim Fathers, who, compared with their latter day descendants had very little to be thankful for. We enclose in THE TELEGRAPH today a supplement that gives not only a full account of the custom, but a page of miscellaneous family reading applicable to the season. This we believe will be more acceptable to the general reader than the usual moralizing editorial on a subject which has become somewhat trite.

—We received a business call this morning from Miss Lucy E. Showalter, who is co-proprietor and publisher with her brother, of the Lamolite Gazette, and is looking after the business interests of that lively little local paper.



WE BEGIN AT ONCE

To close out our ENTIRE stock of Ladies' and Misses' JACKETS.....

We offer \$7.00 quality for \$3.75, and others in like proportion. A large lot Misses to close at \$1.89, worth \$3.50. All new 1896 styles.

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adding to our stock of goods something new. We have just received 25 rolls of opaque hand-made shade goods of a variety of colors. If you are in need of shades, give us a call, we are sure we can please you. We have a few Brass and Iron bedsteads. Our aim is to give you good goods and lowest prices.

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POLICY THE TALK

Among the Statesmen Arriving at the Capital City.

WHAT SHALL THE VICTORS DO?

The Question That Is Being Discussed—Senator Chandler Outlines the Scheme He Favors—Another Account of the Cabinet Situation in Ohio—Bryan Receives a Remarkable Ovation at Denver—Democratic Club Celebrates McKinley's Election and a Republican Club Cheers Cleveland.

Washington, Nov. 25.—There is such a diversity of opinion among Republican senators in the city as to the course to be pursued at the next session with reference to the tariff that it is considered quite probable a caucus will be held very early in the session to decide upon a line of action. Senator Sherman is still understood to hold to the opinion that the Dingley bill should and could be passed at the approaching session, while other Republican senators disagree with him, some as to the wisdom of the measure and others as to the possibility of getting it through. It is believed that a line of action can be agreed upon in a party conference which will be satisfactory to all, and which when it is once decided upon will render unnecessary much useless agitation. The indications now are that the decision of the caucus when held will be against taking up the Dingley bill.

Chandler in Favor of Bonds.
Senator Chandler said yesterday that he thought congress should make provision for a short time loan at the coming session. "I believe," he said, "we can authorize a short time loan, limited to \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000. Provisions may be made for such a loan to be paid off within a few years. If we have not the money it has to be borrowed, and it is offensive to every one to have the government resort to the roundabout and evasive methods adopted by Mr. Cleveland in the loans he has negotiated. Authority should be given at once for short time loans, so that the government may be gotten out when it finds itself in a hole."

Opposed to Retiring Greenbacks.
"Would you make any provision for the redemption and retirement of the greenbacks?" asked the reporter. "No, I am not in favor of the retirement of the greenbacks at this time. At present the banks need them in their reserves. If they did not have them they would have to hold their reserves in gold. The thing to do now is to provide means for getting money into effect. There will have to be an extra session of the Fifty-fifth congress, in my judgment, and we shall then enact both revenue and financial legislation. I do not see how we can accomplish anything as to either of these questions at the coming session."

Would Allow the Majority Its Way.
"Speaking for myself, as a Democrat," said Senator Roach, of North Dakota, "I would not interpose any factious objection to such tariff legislation as the Republican majority might desire to undertake. They say that prosperity is to follow Republican supremacy, and I am willing to let them have a trial and if it is successful to give them credit for it. I do not know what general policy the Democrats in the senate may decide upon in this regard, but those with whom I have talked have not expressed any intention of opposing the programme of the majority."

MIND-READING FROM CLEVELAND.
Situation as to Sherman and Hanna and Others Again Explained.

Cleveland, Nov. 25.—Concerning the positions which Senator Sherman and M. A. Hanna will fill under the forthcoming national administration a gentleman who is as much in the confidence of McKinley and Hanna as any one said yesterday to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is desired that Senator Sherman resign and accept the secretaryship of state, and that Mr. Hanna go in his place to the senate. There are obstacles to this plan. Senator Sherman is an old man and may not wish to relinquish a place in which he is entirely contented to accept the great responsibilities and hard work of the secretaryship of state; again, Governor Bushnell would have to appoint his successor, and every one knows that it is his ambition to be elected by the next Ohio legislature, a year from now, to sit in the senate. Yet if he does not want to appoint Hanna what can he do? He can't appoint himself."

"Foraker is already there and Grovesnor is an ardent McKinley man. If President-Elect McKinley says to Sherman that the prosperity of the country requires that his hand be at the helm in the state department I don't think he can refuse. Then if McKinley—the Republican president, the Ohio president—and Sherman, the Ohio senator and veteran statesman, say to Bushnell, the Republican governor, that the services of Hanna in the senate are necessary to carry out the Republican party's promise of a prosperous administration how can he refuse? This much is sure: Senator Sherman will not resign until he is assured that the plan will be carried out."

BRYAN'S RECEPTION AT DENVER.
Has to Stop Frequently to Speak While Driving Through the Streets.

Denver, Nov. 25.—A remarkable ovation was given to Bryan yesterday afternoon when he was driven through the downtown streets in company with Senator Teller, Representative Townsend and other prominent champions of free silver. The throng was so dense that Bryan's carriage had to be stopped every two or three blocks, and he made about a dozen short speeches. He was wildly cheered all along the route. There was a crowd of people at the Union station yesterday morning when Bryan arrived, a few minutes after 7 o'clock. The city was decorated in holiday garb in honor of the visitor, and the enthusiasm of the people was of the liveliest kind. Bryan was met upon his arrival by a committee of ten, on arrangements, and as he descended from the steps he was greeted with cheers. He bowed his acknowledgments and was then escorted to a

carriage and driven directly to the residence of Hon. C. S. Thomas, where breakfast was served.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Bryan drove from the Thomas residence, and from 10 o'clock until noon he received the ladies of Denver at the Brown Palace hotel. The rotunda was appropriately decorated with flags and palms. Mrs. Patterson, as president of the Equal Suffrage association, presided and introduced Bryan. Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford delivered a brief address, and Bryan then gave a graceful little talk to the ladies. The function was entirely for women, and the big hotel was densely crowded with them. After lunch Bryan and Governor McIntyre entered a carriage and drove through the principal streets of the city, which were crowded with people eager to see the late silver candidate for the presidency, whom they cheered enthusiastically.

When the state capitol was reached 10,000 school children, each of whom carried a small American flag, greeted Bryan and waved him a welcome to Colorado. At 4 o'clock Bryan delivered a brief address to the multitude awaiting him at Broadway and Seventeenth street. In the evening Bryan delivered a very brief address at the Central Presbyterian church, and was followed by Congressman Towne, of Minnesota, who was a guest of the chamber of commerce.

At 9 o'clock last night Bryan attended the annual banquet of the chamber of commerce at the Brown Palace hotel. The toast master was Rev. Myron W. Reed. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Myron Reed, Henry P. Steele, Mayor T. S. McMurray, Governor A. W. McIntyre, Governor-elect Alva Adams, Senator Henry M. Teller, Hon. T. M. Patterson, Hon. C. E. Towne, of Minnesota, and William J. Bryan.

NOVEL SCENES IN POLITICS.

Democratic Club Celebrates a Republican Victory—Republicans Cheer Cleveland.

New York, Nov. 25.—For the first time in its history, the Democratic club last night celebrated the election of a Republican president. A dinner was given ex-Governor Flower in recognition of his services in the campaign. There were present two prominent Republicans—Edward Lauterbach, of this city, and Representative Curtis, of St. Lawrence county—and also several members who had voted for Bryan.

Among those present were: John D. Crimmins, ex-Gov. Waller, of Connecticut; W. E. Curtis, assistant secretary of the treasury; Isidor Struss; John Dewitt Warner; Jefferson M. Levy and Edward Lauterbach and Chairman Bynum, of the "national" Democratic committee. The speakers were Robert B. Roosevelt, who presided; ex-Governor Flower, William D. Bynum, ex-Governor Waller, Charles Holman of Maine, John Dewitt Warner, General Curtis, W. F. Sheehan and W. E. Curtis. Governor Flower made the principal address of the evening.

Boston, Nov. 25.—General Russell A. Alger, of Detroit, and Colonel George H. Hopkins, formerly a member of his staff, were guests at the annual meeting and banquet of the Massachusetts board of trade at the Parker House yesterday afternoon. Last night General Alger was the guest of the Home Market club, at its annual dinner, and with Corporal Tanner addressed the club on the late election, paying his respects particularly to the alleged remark of "Coin" Harvey during the campaign that the generals' party which canvassed the country in a special train were "wrecks of the rebellion." He closed with an eloquent tribute to President Cleveland and for the first time in this city a Republican body gave three cheers for a Democratic president.

MAJOR HAS TWO TURKEYS.

One Comes in a Crate with Many Labels—Visitors at Canton.

Canton, O., Nov. 25.—Major McKinley yesterday received word that the "largest turkey raised in Rhode Island" is on the way to Canton for the president-elect's Thanksgiving dinner, and a gobble of liberal proportions came by express yesterday morning, with the compliments of Mrs. N. P. Converse, of Pearl, Kas., and was captive in a much-labeled crate.

A fine gobble came from Illinois last evening in a crate marked "His name is Hanna."

John A. Logan and family, of Youngstown, O., were guests at the McKinley home during the morning. General John N. Tyner and wife, of Peru, Ind., were among the callers Monday evening. General Tyner was connected with the postoffice department under the Grant administration.

GAIN IN POPULIST ELECTORS.

That Party Has Five More This Time Than in 1892.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Twenty-two Populist electors were chosen at the presidential election of 1892 for Weaver and Field. This year there will be twenty-seven for Watson for vice president, a gain of five in an electoral college only three larger than in 1892. The twenty-seven votes which Mr. Watson expects to have are in the states following on the basis of union with the Bryan silverites heretofore made. He will get three votes from Louisiana, five from North Carolina, three from Arkansas, four from Nebraska, two from South Dakota, two from Wyoming, two from Washington, one from Utah, one from Montana, and four from Missouri.

Official Vote of Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 25.—The tabulation of the official vote of Illinois for president shows the following: McKinley, 604,467; Bryan, 463,299; Palmer (gold Dem.), 6,195; Levering (Pro.), 799; Middle-of-the-road Populists, 1,087; Mattett (Socialist), 1,252. The vote on governor cannot be given, as several counties made no returns to the secretary of state, the legislature canvassing the vote for governor and other state officers.

Official Vote of New Jersey.

Trenton, Nov. 25.—The board of canvassers yesterday computed the official vote of New Jersey for president and congressmen. The official plurality for McKinley and Hobart is 87,692. The total average vote for the Republican electors was 221,367; for the Democratic electors, 133,675; Prohibition, 5,614; "National" Democratic, 6,373; Socialist Labor, 3,985.

JUST FOR ONE DAY

General Weyler Stays in the Capital of Cuba.

GOES TO THE FIGHTING LINE AGAIN

Havana People Raising Money to Carry on the War—Consul General Lee Throws Cold Water on Some "Cipher" and Other Sort of Dispatches—Does Not Believe the Competitor Story—Delaware Flag-Burning Incident Not Worth Noticing.

Havana, Nov. 25.—Captain General Weyler will return to the province of Pinar del Rio today to resume an active campaign against the insurgents under Antonio Maceo.

The city council has subscribed the sum of \$25,000 as a patriotic donation to the wounded, and the military clubs subscribe \$200 monthly for the same purpose. The provinces are taking steps to form a committee for the national defence of the provinces. Advice received here from Madrid say that Brigadier General Gualbert, who was wounded in the province of Pinar del Rio, died recently in that city.

Lee on the Competitor Prisoners.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Consul General Lee was at the state department again yesterday. When asked as to the report that the Competitor prisoners had been tried at Moro Castle, contrary to a protest made by him before he left Havana, General Lee said: "I do not believe any trial has occurred. If it had the facts would be speedily reported here by Vice Consul Springer. There have been some preliminary steps toward the trial, and the depositions of the prisoners were taken, but further than this nothing has been done, so far as I know."

Refers to His Mooted Protest.

When General Lee was asked as to the protest referred to as having been made by him, he said it probably referred to the representations made by him before the first trial of the Competitor prisoners, and renewed in the present instance, that the men being taken on an American ship were entitled to a civil trial rather than a trial by court martial, as provided in the treaty and protocol between the United States and Spain.

Had Nothing to Do with That Letter.

The consul general referred to an open letter from a Fredericksburg, Va., editor to President Cleveland which was published yesterday urging the president to act on Cuba. Coming from a fellow townsman and a close friend of General Lee some significance might attach to it, but General Lee said he desired to have it understood that he knew nothing about the letter and had nothing to do with it.

Humiliating to Those Flag-Burners.

The Spanish flag burning in Delaware may be regarded as a closed incident. The Spanish officials in this country have not taken any notice of it. The matter has not been officially reported to the Spanish government, and the Spanish government has not taken the matter up. The Spanish minister will not present the matter to the state department. It is regarded as the foolish exhibition of men who had dined too heavily.

DYNAMITE PURCHASE FOR CUBA.

Ten Tons Wanted to Use on the Forces Under General Weyler.

St. Louis, Nov. 25.—A local powder firm, which makes the manufacture and sale of dynamite a specialty, but whose name is not given for obvious reasons, received a wire message from its agent in New Orleans asking for prices on dynamite. The agent's request was for the price on ten tons or 20,000 pounds of the deadly explosive.

The amount was so large that the local firm wired to its New Orleans agent for a verification of his first telegram. It came in a hurry and with it an intimation that the dynamite was wanted in New Orleans for shipment to Cuba as quickly as possible. As the shipment of so large an amount of dynamite from this country to Cuba would not be allowed if the United States government could prevent, hence the secrecy as to the identity of the firm.

Mail of Two Firms Stopped.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The mails of several enterprises have been stopped by the government on fraud orders issued yesterday, among them that of the New York Aurophone company at Chicago, with quarters in 607 Masonic Temple. The concern, whose chief promoters are said to be J. Grant Lyman and Henry C. E. Stuart, has operated extensively and numerous complaints of failing to keep agreements are on file. Also C. C. Burt, alias Hi Williams, of Detroit, Mich., an expelled Mason conferring degrees for pay.

Novel Cause of a Man's Joy.

Flushing, L. I., Nov. 25.—Eugene Nichols and his wife have found each other after a separation of over fourteen years. Eugene is overjoyed, but strange to relate it is because he can now sue for divorce and wed another woman of whom he is very much enamored. Mrs. Nichols don't care, as she is also in love with another man, and so both are happy.

Not Liable for the Johnstown Flood.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The suit of Mrs. Agatha B. Edison, of Rock Island, Ill., against the Pennsylvania road to recover the value of baggage lost in the flood at Johnstown, Pa., has been decided by Judge Neeley in favor of the road. The judge held that the flood was the act of God, and that the railroad cannot be held liable.

Western Association Reorganized.

Des Moines, Nov. 25.—The Western Base Ball association has reorganized. The following cities will form the circuit: Des Moines, Burlington, Dubuque, Peoria, Rockford, Cedar Rapids, St. Joseph and Ottumwa.

"Oom Paul" and the Press.

Johannesburg, Nov. 25.—The whole staff of the Johannesburg Critic was arrested by the Boer authorities under the new press law, but the prosecution in the case failed to establish the charges and the prisoners were discharged.

Methodists Mark a Historic Spot.

Baltimore, Nov. 25.—Baltimore Methodists yesterday erected a bronze tablet to mark the site of the Lovely Lane meeting house where the Methodist Episcopal church was organized at a conference held in 1781.

Before you buy your Hard or Soft Coal

CALL AT
L. D. PITCHER'S.

Telephone Number, 19.

'Twas Quite a Job!

But we're now at our new quarters ready for business, and will be pleased to have you all come in and look our stock over, even though you're in need of nothing in our line. We think we have the most complete line of stylish dainty furniture, with also plenty of good substantial ordinary goods, but would like you to form an opinion on the matter. We shall make the lowest prices possible, considering quality of goods, and think we can save you some money. However, drop in when convenient and see how things look, just opposite our old store.

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PISO'S CURE

For Consumption

For the last 20 years we have kept Piso's Cure for Consumption in stock, and would sooner think a groceryman could get along without sugar in his store than we could without Piso's Cure. It is a sure seller.—RAVEN & CO., Druggists, Ceresco, Michigan, September 2, 1896.

Cripple Creek Gold!

We advise the immediate purchase of the following stocks, for either a speculation or investment:

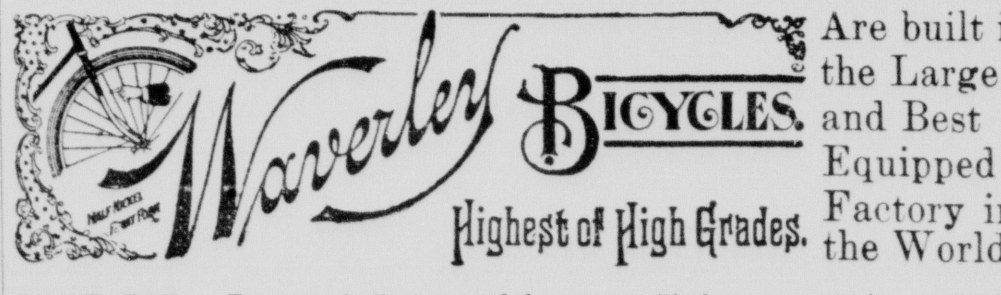
INDEPENDENCE EXTENSION, just south and within 300 feet of the World-famous Independence Mine, now selling at 10c.

BULL HILL GOLD TUNNEL CO., a tunnel site thorough Bull Hill, running through many shipping mines, at 3c per share.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT MINING and LEASING CO., has a three years lease on the oldest tunnel site in Cripple Creek, containing 100 acres, between the Anchoris Leland and C. O. D. Mines, also the Lelia Mine, containing 10 acres. 700,000 shares out of 1,100,000 still in the treasury. \$7,000 plant of machinery, etc. This stock is now selling for 54c.

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GLASS WORKERS CAN GO TO WORK
Employers and Employees Agree on the Scale of Last Year.
Pittsburg, Nov. 25.—The differences between the window glass workers and the manufacturers, which have kept the factories of the country idle since May 30, were settled at a wage conference last night, and 15,000 or more men dependent on the industry will be at work again on Dec. 15. When the two committees came together yesterday afternoon the manufacturers were firm in their determination not to pay more than last year's scale, and the workers finally agreed. The scale is 10 per cent. below that asked by the union at the opening of negotiations. A proviso was incorporated in the agreement which stipulates that should the Dingley bill pass congress and an advance in tariff of 15 per cent. result the blowers and gatherers shall receive an advance in wages of 10 per cent.
If the tariff advance should be less than 15 per cent. the wages of the four trades in the window glass business shall be readjusted in proportion to such advance. The acceptance of the agreement by the wage committee of the workmen was given in opposition to the advice of Simon Burns, president of the union. He wanted the proposition submitted to a popular vote and when this was rejected by the committee, Mr. Burns withdrew from the conference.
Some of the Indiana plants could be started within a few days, but as some of the factories in this district will require some time to get in shape all have agreed to start on the same date—Dec. 15.
FATAL EXPLOSION IN A MINE.
Asphaltum Dust and Gas Send Three Men to Their Long Home.
Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 25.—A special to The Tribune from Price says a heavy explosion occurred at the St. Louis Gilson Asphaltum company's mine near Fort Duchesne at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in which two men were killed and three others injured. The killed are: Charles Anderson, of Ash-ley, Utah; Andy Gams, of Park City, Utah. The injured men are freighters from Price, Utah, named Warren and Runcie, and one unknown. The explosion was terrific, the report being distinctly heard at Vernal, thirty miles distant. All the buildings at the fort were shaken and many window glasses broken.
The explosion was caused by the combustion of asphaltum dust and gas, and the mine immediately took fire. The heat is so intense that it is impossible to get near it. The flames are rising from all three shafts 100 feet in the air and no possible way of extinguishing them. It is not probable that the bodies of Anderson and Gams will ever be recovered. The entire command at the fort was hurried to the scene, but could render no assistance.
COBDENTES GLAD IT'S MCKINLEY.
Lord Playfair Seems to Have a Optimistic Pair of Eyes.
London, Nov. 25.—The annual meeting of the Cobden club took place yesterday afternoon, Lord Farrar of Abinger presiding.
Lord Farrar reviewed at length the relations of Great Britain with the other powers in regard to free trade and said: "The most important event of the year is McKinley's election. He was the man the Cobdenites thought the worst that could be selected until Bryan was nominated, and we do not disguise our delight at McKinley's election. We shall await his action regarding protection."
In the course of his remarks Lord Playfair said: "When I arrived in America in August last the mills were all closed and when I left they were all running and every man was employed."

THE TURK "DO MORE" AT LAST.
Paris, Nov. 25.—At a cabinet meeting yesterday the minister for foreign affairs, M. Hanotaux, explained the situation in Turkey. He stated that the reforms affecting the Turks as well as the Christians were beginning to be executed in the provinces, especially the reconstitution of the mixed municipal councils and the amount of local taxation.
Result of a Printers' Strike.
Kansas City, Nov. 25.—For the first time in twenty years there is not in Kansas City a job printing office of any consequence in which printers are questioned by the proprietors as to whether they belong to the Typographical union. This condition of affairs has been brought about by the action of the Typographical union in its fight against the Typothetae.
Preparing a Contest in Kentucky.
Lexington, Nov. 25.—The silver Democratic state committee was in session here behind closed doors yesterday. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint attorneys to carry the electoral contest before the returning board, and to take steps to establish a Democratic paper in Louisville. Committees were appointed for that purpose.
Saved Herself with Her Head.
Janesville, Wis., Nov. 25.—The home of George Walrath took fire, caused by the explosion of a lamp. Mrs. Walrath ran upstairs to rescue her three children, but her escape was cut off by the fire. She threw the bed clothing to the ground and dropped the children upon it, following them herself. All escaped injury.
Savin Fe Case with the Judge.
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 25.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe receivership case, after being argued two days, was yesterday afternoon taken under advisement by Judge C. C. Foster in the United States circuit court here. A decision is promised before Monday next at the latest, and it may be received as early as Friday.
Riot of Sepoys in India.
London, Nov. 25.—A special dispatch from Bombay says that 200 Sepoys looted the bazar at Pawalpindi. The police were powerless to control them and two persons were killed and several were injured in the struggle.

BATHED IN BLOOD.
The Way a Washington Rancher Found Wife and Babes.
AWFUL ACT DONE BY THE MOTHER.
Three Little Ones Butchered with a Knife, Which Is Later Used on the Maniac Mother—Ex-Priest Slattery Lectures in Newark, N. J., and Barely Escapes with His Life—Cases of Mob Violence in Kentucky and Tennessee.
Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 25.—The Ledger received news yesterday that Mrs. Swearner, the wife of a rancher living in the northeastern section of Lewis county, on Friday last cut the throats of her three little girls, aged respectively 5 years, 3 years and 9 months. Mrs. Swearner then used the knife on herself, inflicting a severe, but not necessarily fatal wound. The 3-year-old child died almost instantly, the jugular vein having been severed and the elder one is not expected to live.
Horrible Sight for the Husband.
Mr. Swearner, the husband, was at work in a barn a short distance from the house, which he had only left a few minutes before, and when he returned the mother and the three children were found lying on the floor bathed in their own and each other's blood. The awful deed had been accomplished by the aid of a common butcher knife, the blade being driven into the throats of the victims. Mrs. Swearner has been in ill health for some time and she is believed to be insane.
FOUL MURDER OF A MINISTER.
Rev. Dr. Miller, of Bloomington, Killed by Footpads at Decatur.
Decatur, Ills., Nov. 25.—Rev. James Miller, of Bloomington, pastor of Grace Methodist church here, for many years pastor of the First Methodist church there, was murdered before daylight here yesterday morning. His body was found in an alley by W. T. Roberts, a well-known business man at 3:30. A bullet hole in the forehead told how he had been killed. Near by was a 38-calibre revolver, at his feet was an empty wallet. His trousers pockets were turned inside out. This told the story of murder for robbery. It was some little time before the identity of Miller could be established, even though he was well-known to all who saw him, because of the blood on his face and the condition of his clothing.
It was known that Mr. Miller carried a handsome gold watch and chain; these were also missed. The position of the body showed that Mr. Miller had been met on Edward street near the alley, shot in the forehead by one shot from a revolver, dragged into the alley, and then robbed. The place of the murder is in the heart of the best residence portion of the city, and not frequented by toughs. Mr. Miller came to Decatur Monday night, reaching here at 10:10, he talked to an old friend, Captain R. P. Lytle, on the train, but no one seems to have noticed him after the train got here. The body was found just in the rear of the residence of Dr. W. M. Catto, where Mr. Miller was frequently entertained, and it is supposed he was walking to Dr. Catto's.
He was prominent in state Masonic circles, and has been grand prelate of the Knight Templars for several years. He leaves a widow and three children, one of them being Dr. John Miller, of this city. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the murderers, but lost it about eight blocks from the starting point. The funeral will take place Friday at 2 p. m. in this city.
MOB AFTER EX-PRIEST SLATTERY.
All the Police Reserves of Newark, N. J., Needed to Save His Life.
New York, Nov. 25.—It took all the police reserves in Newark, N. J., last night to save Slattery, the ex-priest, from being mobbed. He lectured in that city last evening, and at the close of the performance a crowd of some 1,500 gathered at the doors to wait for his appearance on the street. Slattery and his wife waited in the church until the crowd began to disperse. A guard of twenty-five policemen then escorted the couple to a cab which was in waiting. Then the cabman lashed his horse and attempted to break away through the mob. Orders in the meantime had been issued for the police reserves, who came double-quick to the scene of trouble.
As many as 3,000 or 4,000 people were still massed together, the most of them with these purposes in view of reaching Slattery. It was a struggling, howling mob, and the ex-priest drew a revolver. A shower of stones and other missiles greeted this action, and until the end of his perilous journey Slattery was in danger from frequent attacks of this nature. Slattery and his wife had just got safely aboard a train bound for New York when the crowd began to pour into the building. It was impossible then to do the ex-priest any harm, as almost immediately the train steamed away.
HORRIBLE CRIME AT CHICAGO.
Maternity Hospital Woman Charged with the Murder of Infants.
Chicago, Nov. 25.—The police are closely investigating charges against a maternity hospital conducted by Mrs. Benson at 111 Honor street. The sworn statement of Miss Alice Martin, who with her infant is now at the county hospital, is as follows: "While I was in house there were probably twenty-five cases of maternity handled. The children never had to be cared for. I was a witness to the cremation of one infant three weeks ago."
Mrs. Grace Donohue, of Houghton, Mich., who is harbored temporarily in Young Women's Christian association home, said: "The treatment my infant received brought about its death. We found two babies in the bath-tub one day, and I knew of one which was thrown into the furnace." Mrs. Benson was called upon by the police, and was closely questioned, but was not arrested.
Preparing to Lynch a Negro.
Louisville, Nov. 25.—A special to The Courier Journal from Paducah says it is probable that Jim Stone, a negro, who was placed in jail there yesterday, having been brought from Mayfield, Ky., to escape mob violence, will be

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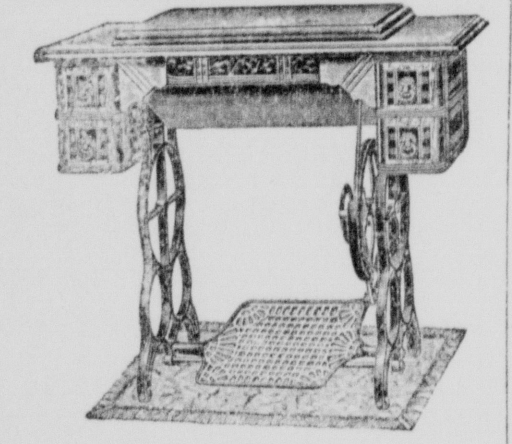
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"An' should I live a thousand years
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So charmed were we all with the
Ebony Warblers last evening at the
opera house that we hardly know what
to say about it, feeling that we have
not words fitted for the occasion; and
still we do not wish to appear to the
fear-creatures also like unto an esculent
boiled tuber. Suffice to remark:
Why are the Ebony Warblers like unto
a night latch key? Something to
adore, did you say? Well, that is only
the antiquated chestnut sort of answer;
the real would require, for solving, a
knight-errant.
The ladies led off with a scientific
dissertation on the whist brain, or to
be more exact, a trio of brains particularly
mentioned: Brains devoted to
whist, they said—and at first it ap-
peared to be a sort of going back on
'pards'—but they seemed to speak by
the card; through an X ray developed
nothing in the head of a whist player,
under the searching examination, ex-
cept a thin sort of thin liquid. How-
ever, we forgive the dear creatures for
what they have said, "As a lady will
talk of what runs in her head." There
were, however, others.
Perhaps a dozen or two brainy men,
much esteemed for wit and sarcasm,
could get their heads together and
swipe the other sex with anything to
compare with the crisp, original and
pointed jokes, so gracefully and gra-
ciously cracked by the "end men," and
ladies we should say, last evening; but
they have not yet made themselves
manifest.
Listen to a few of the local menu:
What would you do with a balky
horse?
Send for Fred Watson, he always
makes things go!
Why is Bret Brubaker's moustache
like the Ebony Warblers?
It is out of sight!
Why is Amos Bosworth like a boiled
potato?
He is easily mashed!
"Two Old Sports"?
Fred A. Truman and Albert Ashley!
The best illustration of "The Fast
Mail"?
Clayton Ingraham!
Could you describe the Anglo-Swiss
milk condensing process?
No, it would take Pages to tell it!
Mayor Hughes will take off the night
watch as a matter of economy.
Will Godfrey bring out all night,
he'll do the business!
Why should the Dixon Hospital be
encouraged?
Because it is a Noble enterprise!
How to prevent hydrophobia in Au-
gust.
Kill the dog in July!
Then there was a confab between the
"Bones" and "Tambos" the full force
of which we did not catch, owing to the
applause, regarding our lawyers, Far-
rand, Bethea and company, a red-
headed sort of an affair about their
not being good enough or bad enough
lawyers to be acceptable to St. Peter.
The puns on the names of our various
sawbones were quite caustic and not in
homeopathic doses, but as this chapter
is to be continued this evening, you
pay your money and takes your joke.
As we may properly connect these
entertainments with certain sanitary
measures, how appropriate it is that
such health-restoring pleasures as such
an occasion as we witnessed last even-
ing may be for the benefit of our hospi-
tal.
We cannot very well select any one
or more for especial mention, where
all performed their parts so well; even
those in the silent marches, said nothing,
but sawed wood in a manner most
charmingly appropriate.
The dancing by the young girls,
Misses Annie Null and Bertha Beier
was such that a professional might well
take pride in it from start to finish.
"Mary Yellen Lease," the woman's
rights woman, by Mrs. Virginia Mc-
Connell, was a pleasing personation in
makeup, speech and spirit of burlesque
of the female politician.
The house was crowded with an in-
telligent and appreciative audience.
The puns and jokes were so pat that
they appeared to take the breath away
from the vast audience; and THE
TELEGRAPH would now remind our
people that there is no harm in cheer-
ing a good thing as soon as you hear it
and not on such a jolly occasion "gaup"
about to see how it strikes the poor
blushing chaplet hit by it so hard.
As "end men"—the Tambos and
Bones—would have made Arlington

Beach, Bowers, or even a Christy,
envious from start to finish.
A pleasant feature was the mandolin
Club and the music by the Military
Band Orchestra.
The singing, both chorus and solo,
was excellent and we may say that it
was, taking it all in all, one of the
most pleasant home entertainments
ever enjoyed here in Dixon. While
Mrs. McConnell deserves much credit
for skillful management, still without
such excellent talent her evident ex-
perience and skill would have been un-
availing in giving us such a pleasant
evening.
The performance will be repeated
this evening with a changed program.
The ladies who took part in the play
were:
Mesdames McConnell, Squires, Par-
sons, Crabtree, Gilbert, Parker,
Chandler, Todd, Shaw, Schick.
Misses:—
McMartin, Wynn, Homerick, Noble,
Carpenter, Squires, Harding, Hughes,
Thomas, Brubaker, Eells, Utley, Nor-
ris, Beier, Null.

The Advantages of Rest.
There is no better preventive of nerv-
ous exhaustion than regular, unhurried,
muscular exercise. If we could moder-
ate our hurry, lessen our worry and in-
crease our open air exercise, a large
proportion of nervous diseases would be
abolished. For those who cannot get a
sufficient holiday the best substitute is
an occasional day in bed. Many whose
nerves are constantly strained in their
daily avocation have discovered this for
themselves. A Spanish merchant in
Barcelona told his doctor that he always
went to bed for two or three days when-
ever he could be spared from his busi-
ness, and he laughed at those who spent
their holidays on toilsome mountains.
A hard worked woman, who has for
many years conducted a large wholesale
business, retains excellent nerves at an
advanced age, owing, it is believed, to
her habit of taking one day a week in
bed. If we cannot avoid frequent agita-
tion, we ought, if possible, to give the
nervous system time to recover itself be-
tween the shocks. Even an hour's seclu-
sion after a good lunch will deprive a
hurried, anxious day of much of its in-
jury. The nerves can often be overcome
by stratagem when they refuse to be
controlled by strength of will.—House-
wife.

The Life of a Clam.
The clam's body is completely en-
shrouded in the mantle, except for two
openings, through one of which the foot
can be pushed out. The other is for the
siphon, or what is commonly known as
the "neck" of the clam. In some re-
spects the clam may be better off than
we are, for he has a little brain in his
foot and also a gland for secreting
strong fibers. With this he spins a bys-
sus by which he can attach himself to
whatever he likes. He does not even
have to search for his food, but waits
for it to come to him. He makes a bur-
row in the mud or sand, attaching him-
self to the bottom by the byssus. Then
he thrusts his siphon up through the
mud and water until it reaches the sur-
face. The siphon is made up of two
tubes, the water flowing in through one
and out through the other.
When the inflowing current, laden
with minute plants and animals, reach-
es the gill chamber, some of these are
sifted out and retained for food, while
the water and waste matter flow out
through the other tube.—Margaret W.
Leighton in Popular Science Monthly.

The Dark Side of Christian America.
"We have now in America a popula-
tion of 70,000,000 of people, and yet
750,000, we are told, belong to the
criminal class," writes Dwight L.
Moody in his paper in "Mr. Moody's
Bible Class" in The Ladies' Home Jour-
nal. "And this in Christian America."
It is said that in six months 30 gradu-
ates of two large European universities
were found by one rescue mission in
New York city. Nor are the American
colleges without representatives in the
great city slums. Our daily papers are
but a living chronicle of the fearful
hold which sin has upon us as a nation.
A man must have lost all his senses
who says that sin is not inherent, that
it is only a physical weakness which
culture may ultimately overcome. Ven-
ueering the outer man will make him no
better within."

—Miss Libbie Berry, of Nelson, is
visiting Miss Lena Rickert.
—Joseph Wadelon has gone to Free-
port for Thanksgiving dinner.
—Advertisements changed this even-
ing: Yates & Smith; Keyes & Son; D.
A. Ford; John D. Parsons & Co.
—E. H. McCloskey, of Brooklyn,
New York, is the gentleman whose
visit here is being enjoyed by Dennis
Carroll.
—R. Shuster is now nicely settled in
the Reilly building, Dement town, with
a lunch room and billiard hall, a line of
tobaccos and temperance drinks.
—Three hundred dollars in round
number was taken in at the minstrel
show last night. About one half of
that goes out for expense. There
promises to be a full house again to-
night.
—Rockford has a resident who is a
close second to Uncle Isaac Thompson
as a centenarian. J. C. Mears, when
he cast his last vote had entered upon
the last month of his centennial year,
having been born November 28, 1796.
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his mental faculties, but is hardly as well
preserved as Mr. Thompson of this
county.

SUBURBAN SIFTINGS.
Hints and Happenances in Surround-
ing Towns and Villages.
HARMON.
Nov. 23.—The farmers are get-
ting along nicely with their corn
picking; most of them will be done this
week.
Samuel Manning has been drawing
rock for the new house he expects to
erect in the near future.
Our grain dealers are filling their
cribs with new corn.
Jas. M. Swan took the train for Am-
boy last Friday on business.
Ed. Mellinger of Dixon was in our
town on business last week.
N. R. Perkins of Dixon was in our
town last Saturday and Sunday visiting
with friends.
Daniel Swartz shelled out corn last
week to make room for more in his
cribs.
Mr. Hutchison received a fine car
load of anthracite coal last week and
our people are getting pretty well sup-
plied with it.
Rev. Williams went as a delegate
from Montmorency Epworth League to
a convention in Chicago last week.
Our people were putting up hitching
posts at the cemetery and the M. E.
church last week.
Thanksgiving is upon us, at which
time the turkeys, geese, ducks and
chickens are the ones to suffer. Many
do not know or understand what they
are giving thanks for. David says,
"O give thanks unto the Lord, for His
mercy endureth forever." We should
give thanks for all the good blessing
we have received the past twelve-
month—health, prosperity, large yield
of every kind of cereals for food, no
famine, no pestilence, no war, but ev-
erything for our happiness.

STEWART.
Nov. 23.—Miss Adele Herrick spent
the Sabbath with Miss Nannie Byrd on
German street.
Rev. Able returned from Chicago
Friday evening where he has been act-
ing as a delegate at an Epworth
League convention.
R. Wiley, J. P. Yetter, and Guy Leve-
y went to Chicago Monday.
Misses May Bowles and Maud Ruck-
man went to Creston Saturday.
Mr. Eastman moved into Mrs. J.
Byrd's house on First street last Sat-
urday.
Miss Bertie Ream came home from
Dixon Saturday, where she has been
spending the past eight months with
her sister, Mrs. Lew Preston.
Miss Valentine of Pawpaw is the
guest of Mrs. Eastman.
There will be a Gold Demorest con-
test held at Pawpaw next Saturday
evening in which Miss May Yetter and
Miss Alice Richelson of this place will
take part.
Chas. Evans of the Conover Com-
pany, Chicago, delivered Conover
pianos here Saturday, the purchasers
being Rev. Able and Miss Minnie
Cobb.
Miss Delia Stryker is visiting with
Mrs. C. Feakin at Rochelle.
Forest Stiles of West Brooklyn
spent Sunday with his parents.

SOUTH DIXON.
Nov. 23.—The Woman's Missionary
Society of the Emanuel church, held
their annual Thankoffering meeting at
the home of Mrs. Wilson Heckman on
last Thursday afternoon. Two ladies
of the Eldena and ten of the Zion
Societies were also present; and after
the program a nice missionary tea was
served. A very pleasant and profit-
able time is reported.
The Junior Missionary Society of the
Emanuel church will give an enter-
tainment at the church on next Sun-
day evening.
George Carpenter has been very
sick with quinsy at his father's home
for over a week.
Wilson Heckman lost a good cow
last week.

PRAIRIEVILLE.
Nov. 24.—Corn picking is nearly
finished and we are not a bit sorry. It
was hard work picking this year on
account of its being blown down.
The village blacksmiths are kept
busy shoeing horses.
T. A. Butler can be seen daily haul-
ing hay to the grove for his horses.
Wm. Cash & Sons raised Herr
Fraenck's barn yesterday.
Mrs. W. F. Powers has been under
the doctor's care for about a week,
but is somewhat on the gain now.
Scott Crouch is kept busy weaving
carpets and rugs this fall.
Anson Brauer is marketing his hog-
today.
Miss Minnie Proctor of Coleta, is a
visitor at Mr. Crouch's.
Chicken thieves visited W. F.
Power's henery and took some fifty
chickens Monday night.
Miss Rachel Crouch has resigned her
position as organizer of the Christian
Woman's Board of Missions of Iowa, to
take effect Dec. 31, 1897. She will take
the work of corresponding secretary
and organizer of Illinois C. W. B. M.
beginning her work in this state Jan.
1st, 1897, with headquarters at Eureka.
Miss Crouch has been in the employ of
the Iowa C. W. B. M. for over two
years.
The Prairieville people are having
an entertainment in the church this
evening.
Wednesday afternoon the school will
give an entertainment.

SUBLETTE.
Nov. 24.—Our little village has a
dynamite sensation. Tuesday morning
a bomb was found under the tower of
the town well pump. Near it were a
dozen or more matches which had re-
fused to burn, probably on account of
the moist atmosphere. The bomb will
be tested to determine whether it wa-
pated there for a frightful joke, or with
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A Valuable Present.

The \$60.00 silver cup, eighteen
inches high, is offered by the Rock
River Valley Poultry Association as a
premium to the exhibitor showing the
most birds scoring over ninety points. It
will be on exhibition in G. O. Wendel's
window before opening of the show,
which will be held in Rosbrook's hall
December 3rd, 4th and 5th. No labor
or expense has been spared to make
the exhibition a success and it will be
more than a local affair. Applications
for space are coming in from points all
over Illinois and from a few exhibitors
outside the state. F. H. Shellabarger
of West Liberty, will score the birds

**Military Training at the State Univer-
sity.**

The act of Congress providing for
the endowment of agricultural colleges
requires every institution receiving the
Congressional grant to make military
drill a prescribed part of the college
course. This instruction is now given
by an officer of the regular army of the
United States, specially detailed for
that purpose. In the University of Illi-
nois, military drill is prescribed for
two years of the college course and the
work done has been unusually good.
On Wednesday, November 18th, the
University battalion was reviewed by
Major-General Merritt, of the United
States army, commanding the depart-
ment of the Missouri. In an address to
the battalion and invited guests, after
the review, he said that in no other
college or university which he had in-
spected was the military work more
satisfactory than at the University of
Illinois.

PROBATE COURT.

Work Done by Judge R. S. Farrand

Estate of W. M. Green, deceased,
permission granted to sell real estate.
Estate of Peter Sauer, deceased, J.
F. Palmer and William Mulligan ap-
pointed appraisers to set off personal
property to apply on widow's award for
the children, and their work approved.
Estate of Ray P. Smith, deceased,
settled and guardian discharged.
Sale bill of personal property in es-
tate of John Englehart, deceased, ap-
proved.
Estate of Thomas J. Hoban, deceased
widow's award accepted by her and ap-
proved.
Notice to creditors in estate of Ed-
ward F. Cahill, deceased, approved.
Inventory approved in estate of
Wallace Seybert, deceased.
Guardian's report approved in es-
tate of N. A. B. Morrill, deceased.
Official bond of E. H. Brewster for
the office of States Attorney of Lee
county approved.
Estate of Jane Reid, deceased, de-
cree for sale of real estate.

Barnes' Table-Talk.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Nov. 16 1896.

The people of Dixon have good cause
to be thankful. They should therefore
remember the poor and thank God
that they do not live in Kansas.

The "State Register" of this city say:
"Bryan's book on on Binetallism will
be the Uncle Tom's Cabin of the 20th
century" and the Journal after read-

and J. M. Rapp of LaMoille, a man of
experience in such matters will act as
superintendent. There will be on ex-
hibition 1,000 to 1,500 pure bred birds
representing sixty varieties, including
also turkeys, ducks, geese, etc., and
twenty-two varieties of pigeons.
There will be homers from the Track-
elton loft, Milwaukee, which have
flown not less than 300 miles. It is not
the desire or intention of the Associa-
tion to hold this exhibition as a money
making project, but it is done on
educational lines entirely, and has
been planned for the purpose of show-
ing our community what is being done
elsewhere to forward the poultry
industry.

ing the above says: "Rats."

"If Bryan is elected" said a young
married man to his neighbor, "you can
kiss my wife and if its McKinley I kiss
your," and I have been mad at myself
ever since that I didn't make a
bet like that.

It was unreasonable in Mr. Cleve-
land to expect his postmasters to take
their post offices with them when they
went off to make speeches for Bryan.
A critical examination reveals the fact
that most of the buildings were nailed
down.

If you could see the senate chamber
full of those handsome Rebekahs you
wouldn't wonder any longer why there
are so many Odd Fellows in Illinois.
To be associated in a fraternal way
with so many beautiful women is
enough to make an Odd Fellow out of
most anyone who is worthy of the
name.

Never before was there so much post-
campaign interest in politics as at
present among the Illinois Republicans.
If the party of repudiation is going to
begin the "campaign of 1900" now, it
will find its opponents always ready
for the fight. They will also find that
sound money is built on business prin-
ciples and that the rich and poor are
equally benefitted by its continuance in
this country. Free silver has received
an awful drubbing in an open fight and
Mr. Bryan and his party will do well
now if they will go quietly out and
bury the remains. W. J. BARNES.

The Ever Hungry Russia.

Peace or war, Russian aggression never
stands still, and it is most character-
istic of her patient and farsighted di-
plomacy that she reaps more in peace
than at the close of her most successful
wars. To explain this ceaseless and
painless advance upon all her neigh-
bors they tell us that she wants an open
port on an open ocean—that it is absurd
to ask an empire like Russia to put up
with an outlet to the sea that is blocked
by ice four months in every year. But
that is no answer to the accusation, if
accusation it be, of universal aggression.
The possession of such a port is not
the end, but the means.

There is no end to Russian ambition.
Each point won is a stepping stone to
the next. Eastern Siberia has no glut
of merchandise struggling for a vent at
Vladivostok, nor would Constantinople
be any better fitted for the export grain
trade than Odessa. The port may foster
a trade as yet in its infancy, but this is
just another reason for saying that it is
not the goal of Russian aspiration, but
only a milestone on the road. If not for
empire and for competitive trade why
seek an open port at all? Still less can
the constant absorption of new territory
be explained by any superfluity of popu-
lation in the old. It is nothing, after
all, but the genuine earth hunger, the
lust of unlimited dominion.—Black-
wood's Magazine.

MEXICO'S RURALES.

A Sort of Police Force Somewhat Similar
to the Texas Rangers.

We heard wailing and sobbing from
women as the train left Tamaqua the
other day, and, peering out hands out of
the window, we saw but a few women
weeping as if their hearts were broken.
The conductor told us that they were the
wives and daughters of a desperate band-
it who had been captured and placed
on the train in charge of rurales, to be
taken to the adjoining state of Chihua-
hua and impressed into the army, where
his excessive interest in other folks' af-
fairs could be usefully applied to Indian
fighting. Just as like as not, he said,
the prisoner would never reach Chihua-
hua. The rurales who had him in charge
would give him a chance to escape and
then shoot him as he ran. Such inci-
dents were continually occurring, al-
though they were less frequent of late
than formerly because of the energy of
Alberto Velenzuela, chief of the rurales
in the state of Durango, who became
our fellow passenger at the next station
and proved a very entertaining one, for,
like other famous men, Captain Velen-
zuela has his social nature well devel-
oped.

The rurales of Mexico are a sort of
military police, like the famous Texas
rangers, who work entirely in the coun-
try and were originally organized to
protect ranchmen, miners, stage com-
panies and the traveling public gener-
ally against the highwaymen, cattle
thieves and guerrillas that terrified
Mexico for many years. They are rough
riders, these rurales, and do their work
thoroughly, and their captain, like
Judge Lynch, tries, condemns and exe-
cutes his prisoners and saves the regular
courts a great deal of trouble and ex-
pense. In the mountains of Mexico,
where prisons and courts are few, the
captain of the rurales is prosecuting at-
torney, judge and jury all in one, and
he tries every case as soon as it reaches
him according to a code of his own.
These extraordinary people have done
extraordinary work, and today Mexico
is much the more safe and peaceful for
their interference.

Our friend, Captain Velenzuela, is
said to have been a bandit in his younger
days, and a very successful one, but be-
coming tired of the business surren-
dered himself to the authorities, obtained a
pardon and enlisted in the rurales of
Durango, where his nerve, energy and
shrewdness soon brought him to the
front and ultimately put him at the
head of the force. He isn't a handsome
man, this ex-highwayman, but he dress-
es with a good deal of care, and, unlike
most Mexicans, is neat about his person.
His jacket was of the finest linen lawn,
spotless from the laundry, over a white
satin vest, and a handsome watch chain
dangled from his pocket. He wore a big
revolver and a belt of cartridges care-
lessly, his trousers and his shoes were
very tight, according to the fashion of
well dressed men down here, and he
posed patiently for his portrait, which
did not quite satisfy him and was pro-
nounced "no bueno," which means "no
good."

The prisoner was a picturesque per-
son, with an abundance of bright col-
ored flags, and looked for all the world
as if he had just made up for a comic
opera. His nonchalance was impressive.
He sat in the third class car, opposite a
rurale, with a big rifle over his arm,
and smoked cigarettes calmly as curi-
ous people stood around and stared at
him. There was a padre on the train,
who drew up close to his side and whis-
pered a few words in his ear, but he re-
ceived them with indifference and didn't
seem concerned for the welfare of his
soul.

At other stations farther on more
prisoners were placed on the train, so
that our bandit had company, and they
were as desperate a lot of villains as one
would wish to meet in the mountains
with a full pocket. Some of them had
robbed ranches, some had stolen cattle
and sheep and horses, while the rest
had committed similar crimes, and as a
penalty they were banished to the Sierra
Madre mountains to fight Indians for
four years, which is a good deal better
than shooting the robbers.—Chicago
Record.

One of Carlyle's Heroines.

Theroigne de Mericourt was a woman
singular among the women of the rev-
olution. Readers of Carlyle will remem-
ber his almost gallant salutations of her
(a handsome young woman of the
streets, who took a passion for the pop-
ular cause and rode on a gun carriage in
the famous outing to Versailles) as of-
ten as she starts upon the scene. When
he misses her from the procession, in
the fourth book of the first volume, it
is: "But where is the brown locked,
light behaved, fire hearted Demoiselle
Theroigne? Brown, eloquent beauty,
who, with thy winged words and
glances, shall thrill rough bosoms—
whole steel battalions—and persuade an
Austrian kaiser. Pike and helm lie pro-
vided for thee in due season, and, alas,
also strait waistcoat and long lodging in
the Salpetriere."

Theroigne was a beautiful village
girl when the echo first reached her of
the tocsin of the revolution. She thought
a woman was wanted there and trudged
hot foot to Paris, perhaps through the
selfsame quiet lanes that saw the pil-
grimage of Charlotte Corday. In Paris
she took (for reasons of her own, one
must suppose) the calling of "unfor-
tunate female"—the euphemism will be
remembered as Carlyle's—and dubbed
herself the people's Aspasie—"l'Aspasie
du peuple." In "tunic blue," over a
"red petticoat," crossed with a tri-
color scarf and crowned with the Phry-
gian cap, she roamed the streets, "cri-
ant, jurant, blasphemant," to the sound
of the drum of rebellion. One day the
women of the town, in a rage of fear or
jealousy, fell upon her, stripped her and
beat her through the streets. She went
mad, and in the first years of this cen-
tury she was still an inmate of Bicetre.
When the "women's side" of Bicetre
was closed, in 1803, Theroigne was
transferred to the Salpetriere, where
she died.—Temple Bar.

Paint Sale
600 Gallons For Cash!

100 Gallons H. W. John's Asbestos Paint at \$1.00 per
gallon. 500 Gallons Heath & Milligan's Best Paint at
\$1 20.

Brushes, Varnishes, Colors in Oils, etc., etc., a greatly
reduced prices.

D. S. HORTON.

Prescription Druggist, Dixon, Ill.

**To Make Room for
Holiday Goods**

We are compelled to make special efforts to close out many articles, as cham-
ber sets, white chinaware, glassware, household goods, &c. One thing we
wish to impress on you—we positively deal not in second grade goods, but will
say right here, that you get better goods here, for less money than elsewhere,
every article is guaranteed as represented—anything wrong with it bring it
back and we return your money.

Chamber sets, beautiful decorations, new shapes, would be cheap at \$2.50 our
price.....\$1.69

White cups and saucers, pretty shapes, set of six pairs.....32c

Dinner plates, set of six.....32c

Coffee mills strongly made.....21c

Washboilers, copper bottom.....46c

Tablets, 160 pages good paper 2 for.....5c

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best selected lines in the city. Call on us, you will find it pays to trade at the

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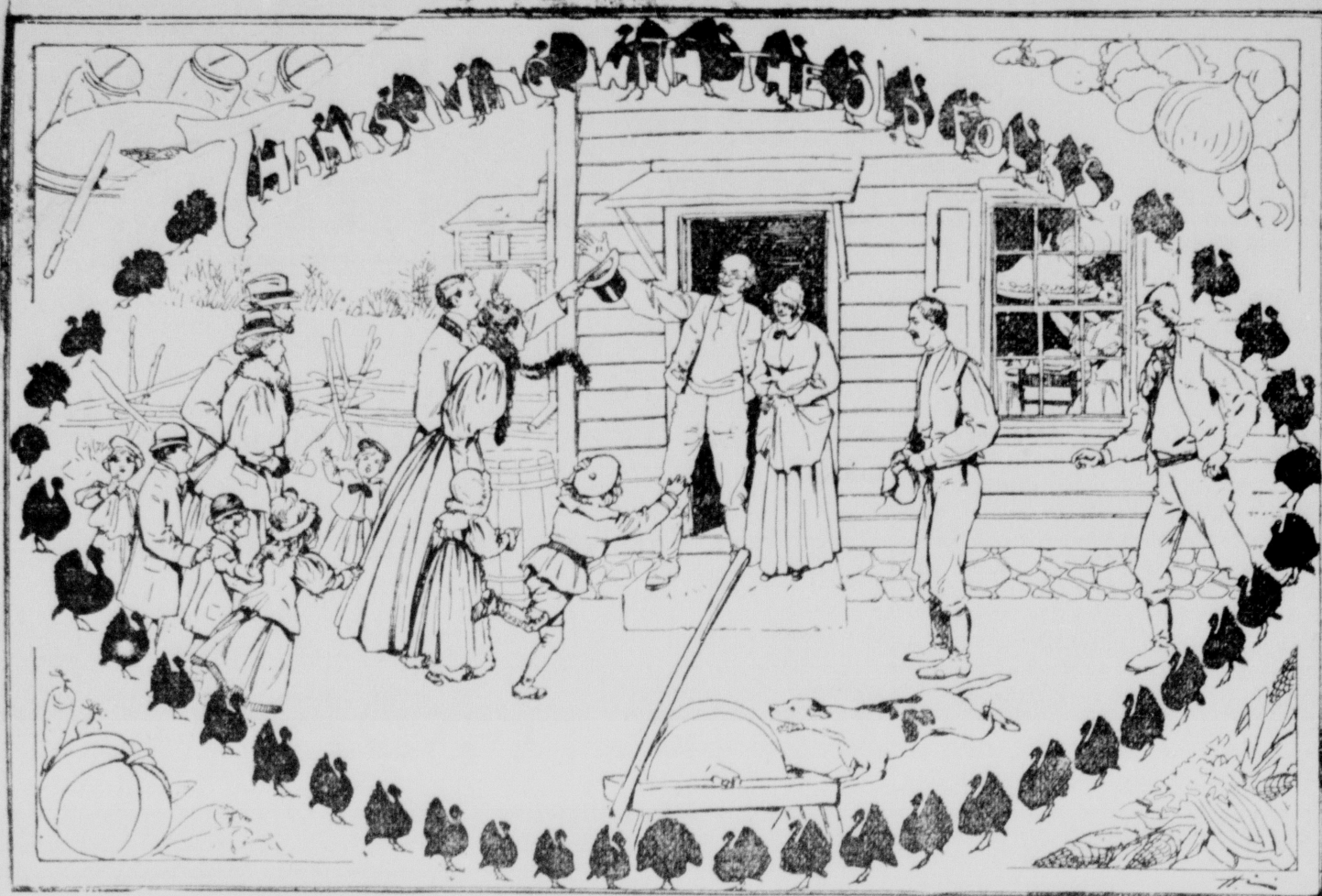
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FAKE SALES, and ESPECIALLY THOSE SO-CALLED Fire Sales, have
been worked so often on intelligent people that it would seem really a lot of
unmitigated gall to tell us of a recent destructive fire which should have hap-
pened almost in our midst and we not knowing a thing about it. This is a lit-
tle too strong a dose to take at one time, in this day and age when good, fresh
and not damaged by smoke, merchandise can be bought at prices that even
fake operators cannot compete with. We want you to carefully read every
item we name a price on, and want it distinctly understood that here is our way
of selling. YOUR MONEY BACK if desired. The prices here below quoted
are on goods not damaged by either fire, smoke or water.

Furnishing Goods!		Men's Suits.	
Men's Natural Random Underwear, shirts and drawers, all actual 40c value	19c	Men's Suits—not worth \$8, but \$5—	\$2.98
Five distinct lines of Men's Underwear that no house offers for less than 75c, our price.	30c	Men's Suits—not worth \$12, but	4.98
Men's Working Shirts at.....	23c	Men's Suits—not worth \$15, but	7.48
Black and Tan Socks, fast colors, stainless and seamless, an actual 10c value, 4 pairs for.....	25c	Men's Suits—not worth \$18 and \$22, but \$15—at.....	9.80
25 dozen Men's and Boys' Caps, latest Golf style, at.....	17c	Not one of the above suits are damaged by either fire, smoke or water. Every one perfect in every detail.	
30 dozen Men's Leather-faced Mittens, actual 25c value, at.....	15c	Children's Suits.	
We have Boys' also of the same.		Child's Suit, all ages, 4 to 14 years, D. B. coat.....	1.25
Men's Filled Mittens, value 25c, at per pair.....	9c	Children's Suits in great variety of colors, in strictly All Wool fabrics, worth \$4 and \$4.50, at.....	2.08
An actual 50c Men's Working Shirt, to close out at.....	39c	Child's Cape Overcoat, worth \$2, at.....	1.25
Boys' Pleated Domet Shirt Waists, value 35c, at.....	19c	Child's Melton Ulster, Cashmere Lined, worth \$4, at.....	2.98
Men's Duck Wool Lined Coats, value \$1.50, at.....	98c	Boys' Long Pants Suits, strictly All Wool, at.....	4.98
White Body, Colored Bosom Shirts, at 98c, 60c and.....	40c		
Men's Unlaundried White Shirts, all sizes, at.....	25c		



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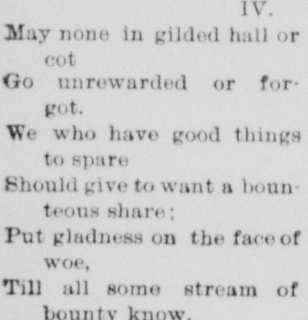
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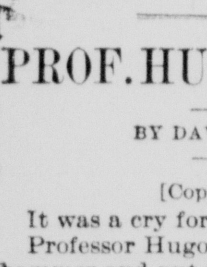
I.
The fields a dull, dead russet wear.
A frosty chill has stung the air.
Vine and leaf and flower have fled,
And yonder woods, ungarnished,
Stretch bare arms unto the skies.
Stripped by summer's pagentry.



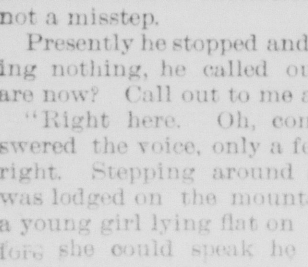
II.
Where are now October's flame,
May's fair promise, summer's fame?
All have gone, as bright things must,
Into vaporous air or dust;
But the wealth of barn and bin
One more year has gathered in.



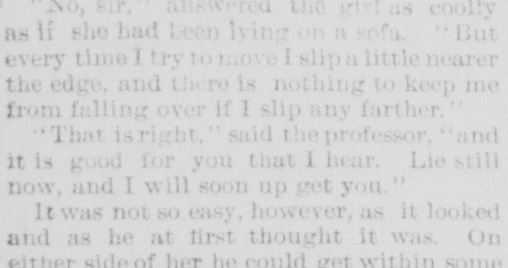
III.
For all the autumn's harvest yields—
Spoil of orchards, wealth of fields,
Cellared products, mows of hay,
Stacks on hillside and high way,
Herds that month by month increased—
We spread this day our annual feast.



IV.
May none in gilded hall or cot
Go unwarded or forgot.
We who have good things to spare
Should give to want a bounteous share;
Put gladness on the face of woe,
Till all some stream of bounty know.



V.
Then the laughter of the spring
Shall not be a mocking thing,
And the pride of hill and plain
Not have proved a pageant vain;
But all the circling year's increase
Turn to thankful joy and peace.



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ly, after he had studied the situation a moment, "but how far away is some house? I do not know."

"It would take you an hour to go and get back," said the girl. "Can you not do something else? If I had only a little thing to hold on to, I could crawl back, but I dare not!"

"No, no, Franklin!" interrupted the professor. "You must lie still. I will something do."

Opening his knapsack, he fumbled inside of it for a moment and drew out a stout gray flannel shirt. This he tore into strips, and, knotting the strips together, he had in a little while a string long enough to reach across the dangerous slope. As he worked he chatted with the girl, who was cool enough now that some one was near to aid her.

She had been picking berries, she told him, and, although she knew the ground well and understood how treacherous the grassy slopes were, after the late summer sun scorched them, she had slipped from pure carelessness, and, falling, she had slid out of reach of the bushes. Struggling to rise, she had slipped farther and farther toward the edge until she realized that her only chance of safety was to lie still and call for help.

"And I was so thankful when I heard you answer," she said, "for I did not know but I would have to lie here till they missed me at home and came out to search for me."

"Yes, it was good that I study the rocks today," said the professor. "But now lie still some more till my rope shall touch your fingers. Then do not too hard pull it, for it is not so strong. But it will help you a little, and you can up the hill creep carefully." And he tied a small stone to one end of the string and slid it down toward her till she grasped it, he holding the other end.

It was very easy then for her, having something to steady her, to make her way upward to where he stood, at the edge of the slope, holding the string firmly. All went well till she came within reach of his outstretched hand, when, as he stooped to lift her to her feet, his own footing gave way, and he fell headlong beside her on the slippery grass.

He strove in vain to stop himself, grasping frantically at the grass, which broke as he clutched it. Carried swiftly by the momentum of his fall, he slipped smoothly down to the very edge and over it, falling, with a loud cry, sheer over the cliff.

The girl called out twice, but there was no answer, and with a terrible fear lest she should find only a lifeless body she hastened around by the nearest practicable way to the foot of the cliff.

He was not dead, as he found immediately. But when he tried to rise he could not.

"My leg is broken," he said, "and I am badly hurt on my inside. You must now do me bring help, for I am as you were."

"Yes, yes," answered the girl. "I will go. But how can you stay alone? It will be more than an hour before I can get anybody here who can carry you to the house."

"Ach! That is bad," said the professor. "But I will do as I can best. If you will look my knapsack in and give me the little flask there, I can wait, but be not longer as you can help."

"I will be as quick as I can," said the girl after she had brought the knapsack to him and given him a drink.

It was a long hour for the poor professor, and before it was over he had fainted, despite his flask, so that when John Bascom came back with his daughter he shook him, laid gravely, fearing that his help was too late. He could do nothing, however, but wait till his son should come up with the neighbors, for whom he had sent. And when they had carried him to the Bascom farmhouse and the village doctor had come and examined him and set his bones they found that they would have him to care for several weeks.

"It seems kind of hard, it should be so, Maria, being as you've got about all to do 't you can stand," said Mr. Bascom to his wife, "but I don't see as 'twould be decent not to care for him."

"Why, we've just got to, John," said Mrs. Bascom. "And dear Suz knows we can't grudge him nothing. If it hadn't 'a' been for him Ella might 'a' been killed."

But if the Bascom household was poor

in worldly goods, as it certainly was, and if it was a serious tax on the family purse to provide the medicines the sufferer needed and a drain on the strength of the mother and daughter to nurse him as assiduously as they did, no hint of these facts appeared. The professor was not allowed to want for anything that could be had, nor did he see any but a cheerful countenance in the house. He was not blind, however, nor was he backward about asking questions when he recovered sufficiently to talk.

He went straight to the point with a directness that would have seemed grossly impertinent in a neighbor, but which appeared childlike simplicity in this queer foreigner who spoke such twisted English.

"What for do you stay where the land so poor is?" he asked one day. "You are a farmer. Why do you not sell and to the



west go? There you will do better as here, where your fields are all tipped on one side up and rock full."

"Well, I've had a sort of hankerin' to go west for a long spell," said Mr. Bascom, "but 'tain't so easy to sell when there ain't nobody seekin' to buy. I stay here because the farm's mine, an there ain't nothin' else that is. I never could get forehanded enough to make a start, and it's all I can do to make a livin' here."

"But the boy," said the professor, "will he all his life stay here also and be poor?" "No!" exclaimed the father almost angrily. "Not if I'm spared long enough to care for his mother till he gets a start. He's bent on schoolin, and his mother and I are goin' to see 'e gets it. He'll have to work his own way, though," added the old man, with a little sigh. "We can't help him much."

"Yes, that is good," said the professor. "It is better as a boy his own education got."

And after that he talked with young John. The boy was shy at first, but under the professor's blunt questioning he soon warmed up enough to talk of his ambition. He wanted to be a civil engineer, he said, and the professor found that he had laid a good foundation for an education in the village academy and had bought and mastered a few good books.

Moreover, he was observant. One day when the professor was almost well he was looking over the specimens in his knapsack when John came and looked on. "There's a good deal of that kind of rock on the east side of the farm," he said, pointing to one of the chips.

The professor started a little, but he spoke as deliberately as usual. "You shall show me that east side," he said, "when I can climb those hills some day."

"I guess you can get there now," said the lad. "It isn't much of a climb, and there's a smooth path."

So they went out together, and the professor's eyes gleamed when he saw the ledge John pointed out. He said very little, though, and after he had taken some measurements and collected a few specimens they went back to the house.

Next day he said he was going away, and he asked Mr. and Mrs. Bascom how much he owed them for his board and his medicines.

"Land sakes, professor," said Mrs. Bascom, "you don't 'pose we could take your money, do you? What little we've been able to do for you is little enough for what you did for us." And the farmer himself spoke as earnestly, so the professor said no more about money. In fact, he seemed so well pleased that Mr. Bascom remarked it when he was alone with his wife.

"Pears to me that there Professor Hugo's a mighty skippy about money," he said. "He was tickled to death 'cause when he found he didn't have to pay nothing."

"John Bascom," exclaimed the good woman, "you don't mean to stand there and tell me you would take money from the man that saved your own daughter's life?"

"Don't be a fool, Maria. 'Tain't likely I would, but I'd 'a' thought more of him if he'd 'a' tried a little harder to pay."

But there was another one in the family who had no such thoughts. When Ella Bascom bade the professor goodbye, she said, "I never have really thanked you as I want to, and I don't s'pose I ever can, but I want you to know that I never can forget what you did and what you have suffered for me."

"Pish, pish," said the professor carelessly, though he was well pleased. "It was nothing only my own stupid foot that all the trouble made. And I did for you very little. Only I am glad, fraulein, that I study the rocks that day." And he kissed her goodbye.

"But you will come again to see us?" urged the little maiden. "Won't you come Thanksgiving?"

"Maybe, maybe," he said. "That is a good day, that Thanksgiving. You to the good Lord give thanks because he so good to you is. And you have one great dinner. Maybe I thank him, too, that he kill me not. And you I thank that you take of mother good care. And maybe I take dinner that day with you."

It was several weeks, however, before Thanksgiving day came, and in the interval, as the hard New England winter came on, things went badly with the Bascoms. Ella developed a slight cough, that made her mother turn pale when she heard it. She had learned to know how easily consumption attacks young people in the rigorous climate of upper New England, yet she dared not speak to Mr. Bascom about sending the girl south for the winter. The means were lacking. The crops were poor. One of the two pigs they had fattened died before killing time. Mr. Bascom himself, growing old before his time, seemed no longer able to look on the bright side of anything, and the anxious wife and mother could only pray a little more earnestly and a little more frequently than before. To work harder was impossible. And John could only study later and rise earlier to make up for his father's failing strength. Nothing was heard from the professor, and, as the family realized more and more every day how heavy the odds were against them, they ceased to talk and almost ceased to think much about him. He had saved them from a great sorrow, he had been a great care and a burden for a time, and then he had passed away to be only a memory.

It was therefore entirely a surprise when, a few days before Thanksgiving, John brought home a letter from the village postoffice addressed in a queer foreign handwriting to Miss Ella Bascom.

"It must be from the professor," she said, and after they had all agreed to this and had examined the envelope and the postmark and had wondered sufficiently about what he could have to say, as people do who do not often receive letters, she opened it.

My dear little fraulein—I have not forgotten that you asked me to go to see you again on Thanksgiving day, and I will go. I will to see what is the great holiday of the American people in the American people's home.

Your brother John, he is a good boy, and he will be a good man. He will give thanks, maybe, that I did get him a place in New York where he can study and be an engineer and will earn money—not very much, but enough. Tell your papa I have, maybe, some good news for him, and tell your mamma since I come to dinner I have the great liberty taken to send my dinner. And I kiss your hand. Hugo.

Such news was too wonderful, and yet it was tantalizing. There was no end to the speculating, and it was later that night than it ever had been before when the Bascoms went to bed.

The next day, however, brought a still greater surprise. Word came from the railway station, two miles away, that there were several large cases there for Mr. Bascom, expressage paid. The old gray horse was astonished enough at the speed at which he was rattled along, but his feelings were nothing to those of the family when the cases were brought home and opened.

If there was anything known to the grocery or delicatessen trade that wasn't represented in these cases, it was because the professor couldn't find it. And there was the biggest turkey Bascom ever saw, with a box of fresh vegetables, and everything else needed to cook with it. And of everything else there was enough to last all winter.

Mrs. Bascom was stunned. She could say nothing, but the children made up for her silence, and Mr. Bascom, after he had recovered a little from his bewilderment, said, "Well, Maria, if that's the professor's dinner, he must have a little the best appetite of anybody I ever knowed of."

Next day the professor came himself, fatter than ever and jollier than they had ever seen him. "It is nothing," he said



when Mr. and Mrs. Bascom undertook to remonstrate with him for sending them such a wealth of stores. "It is nothing. I have never your Thanksgiving kept before, and I thank you so much for your to me kindness when I was suffering."

"But you said you were a poor man?" said Mr. Bascom.

"Ach, yes! They call me in the city poor, but always I have a few thousand dollars."

And again they sat up half the night discussing John's future, which now depended on himself. And only the mother remembered to cry silently even while she reproached herself for ingratitude, because there was in all the good fortune no way yet open for sending Ella away from the winter storms. But the next morning, when the mother and daughter were in the kitchen and John was busy outside, the professor said:

"I wrote in my letter, Mr. Bascom, I have some good news for you maybe. It was this: Your son John he showed me good stone on your farm. It is for building most excellent. It is the stone for which I was looking when the little fraulein for help called. I have in one great quarry company a small interest, for I am what you call stockholder, and for them I was looking. They want that kind of stone. So when I returned to the city I said, 'The stone is found.' Then they would to send somebody to buy your farm cheap, and I said no. When they were angry, I said: 'Very well, gentlemen, then I tell you nothing. You go and yourself find the stone.' So they were angry some more, but I make them offer you \$10,000 for your farm or a contract for \$1,500 a year. It is better you take the contract, I think, so I have the paper, and if you sign they \$1,000 bonus pay you." And he produced the paper.

And that was how the Bascoms spent the happiest days they ever had and the professor saw his first Yankee Thanksgiving.

A MODERN FLAVOR.

Has Thanksgiving Observance Degenerated, After All?

It seems to be generally held that the "first Thanksgiving" came after the first bountiful harvest by the pilgrims and was chiefly a religious feast, and this is true enough, but this "first Thanksgiving" was not the only one. It took place in 1623, and while all who took part were seemly and devout in their demeanor there was probably no lack of hilarity and honest, hearty laughter. In this it was probably more like the modern city Thanksgiving observance than some rural Thanksgiving doings of the middle of this century and later. In another matter it resembled the modern day—it was marked by what must have been very like athletic sports, for the account of the day by Mr. Winslow, one of the pilgrim fathers, says:

"Among other recreations we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming among us, and with the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted."

Now for the other first Thanksgiving. It was held in 1798 in New York city and was the first observance of the holiday by the national authorities. In the course of the day a dinner was eaten at France's tavern, at which a number of patriots got shamefully drunk and had a free fight, in which an officer's nose was broken. After that they had so disgraceful a quarrel about a turkey that Hamilton swore, and when Washington heard about it he swore twice.

If this be true, and it seems so to be, then our forefathers were quite as human as the rest of us.

Before Starting.



Mrs. Coopah—Wha' fo' yoh take dat gun, Mr. Coopah? Yoh doan' want no gun to get a Thanksgiving turkey?

Mr. Coopah—Yes, indeed I does, honey. It doan' look so suspishuslike w'en I bring um home as I go by Rev. Enos Jones' house.

One Man's Memories.

It's all right to say that the old time Thanksgiving dinners were the best ever eaten and that the features of the day's celebration when we were boys incomparably better than the football and other games that are chief features now. But if you were a country boy 30 or 40 years ago you might remember some peculiarities of the day as then observed that might have been pleasanter. For instance, the sermons which I used to have to attend were tremendously long drawn out and exceedingly dreary efforts, and I used to sit in agony through the hour and sometimes hour and a half consumed in their delivery. Then the dinner. It was a big one at my father's house, and it took days and days to get ready for it. But during all this time of preparation my life was a burden. All the women folks were rushed with work and therefore cross and "touchy," and when I was not kept busy helping them I was being shooed out of the way, so that I should not interfere with the progress of affairs. So many persons were asked to the dinner that the children had to wait invariably, and there were always six or seven of us.

Now, my father was the chief deacon of his church, and the minister's boy was always one of the children who "waited." He was such a mean little chap that we never got on well together while our elders ate, and I generally had to box his ears. Once I "licked him good," and then my father, the deacon, licked me better—so well that I couldn't sit down to eat the cold dinner when it came time. Moreover, I was always so hungry when at last it came time to eat that I gorged myself terribly with the cold food, and my dreams those nights would be awful. I remember that one year, having great faith in the efficacy of prayer, I prayed that next Thanksgiving. When the day was remembered and observed as usual next year, my father received a great shock, which lasted till I remembered that faith to be effectual must be held by the righteous, and this I knew I was not.

Turkey Always In Evidence.

Gradually the observance of the holiday has spread, until now the day is kept from Maine to California. It has not detracted from the due keeping of Christmas day in the south nor has it interfered with the observance of New Year's day in New York. It has become to the American what Christmas day is to the Englishman and something more. Widely scattered members of families endeavor to be present in order to eat their Thanksgiving dinner under the old roof-tree. The turkey, which Franklin wished to make the national emblem in place of the eagle, is always in evidence on Thanksgiving day.

An Aching Void.



Doctor—There, my good man, is something to give you an appetite for your Thanksgiving dinner.

Patient—Yes, but doctor, can't you give me a dinner to go with the appetite?

THANKSGIVING DAY.

THOUGHTS SUGGESTED BY THE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Its Origin and Ancient Manner of Observance—Its Modern Significance—The Country Feast—A Tempting Banquet. The Perfect Form of Giving Thanks.

An annual harvest festival of Thanksgiving has been by no means peculiar to this country or even to modern ages. Indeed the Hebrews had their harvest festivals, the principal one being the autumn feast of ingathering (feast of the Tabernacles), a Thanksgiving for the whole produce of the wine press, of the fruit orchards and the cornfields. Similarly, too, the Greeks and Romans had festival seasons in honor of Demeter, or Ceres, the goddess of agriculture. All these were sanctioned by religious rites, games and joyous indulgence in the pleasures of the table. So our Thanksgiving day has a noble descent in history, and the Puritans of Massachusetts not only showed their piety, but their scholarship, in some of the old sermons still extant. A discourse of the celebrated Dr. Cotton Mather on Thanksgiving is curious in its learning concerning the prototypes of the Puritan festival among the nations of the past. It shows how well the fathers knew they had linked themselves with a great historic observance.

However the day has become shorn of its religious quality in the minds of the masses, who sacredly enjoy the Thanksgiving turkey, its connection with worship is always earnestly enjoined by state and federal proclamations. It is indeed the sole religious festival observed in the United States by virtue of civil authority. The annual practice in New England during colonial times was initiated after awhile by the Dutch and English governors of New York, and the continental congress proclaimed the festival annually during the great war struggle. It remained after-ward, however, a purely state affair till, in 1863, President Lincoln began the practice of proclaiming an autumnal Thanksgiving annually.

In the earlier time Thanksgiving day was the most important of American festivals, for Christmas was looked on with more or less suspicion by the rigid Puritans. Aside from churchgoing, shooting with the rifle at turkeys was the most widespread habit of the day. This is still practiced to some extent in the purely rural communities. Nowadays, however, the overshadowing feature of the holiday in the way of amusements is the prevalence of the great football and other games selected for that date. Our universities make it the occasion of their most brilliant athletic contests. Out of the cities where the more important of these friendly battles would naturally occur local games are arranged which perhaps evoke as much interest among the spectators. It is curious to observe that among all the strong and servile nations this tendency to connect national festivals with athletic contests has been all but universal. Among the Americans, Englishmen and Germans of the family, the cognate branches of the Teuton family, this is specially noticeable.

The religious exercises of Thanksgiving nearly always look in some way toward matters of national gratitude rather than those of individual thanks. So we expect the church addresses to be largely of a political character, dealing with topics of public morals. Our ministers naturally avail themselves of this escape valve to discharge views of political questions once a year, and many a good stump speech, as well as some poor ones, have been thus shot from the battery of the pulpit. Not a few of the most powerful and eloquent addresses of Henry Ward Beecher, Rev. Dr. Storrs, Dr. Hall, Dr. E. H. Chapin and other preaching celebrities have owed themselves to this occasion. A sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer of New Orleans on Thanksgiving day, 1860, is said to have aroused and crystallized sectional sentiment scarcely less than Mirabeau's oratory did the revolutionary sentiment at the convocation of the French states general in 1789. So, while most of the Thanksgiving pulpit talking may lack pith and fire, it sometimes becomes a projectile of monstrous force and effect.

But, after all is said, one must confess that the true modern significance of Thanksgiving is that of the feast day—the family feast day. It gathers the scattered branches together from far and wide to sacrifice at the altar of family love, where are enshrined the Lares and Penates of the old home. There is something of this feeling, too, at Christmas, but it chiefly touches the individuals of each family branch. Thanksgiving seeks the gathering of the clan and becomes in many cases perhaps the most beautiful and delightful occasion of the year, full of the purest joy and sweetness, a veritable fountain of refreshment. The spectacle of three or four generations of a family assembled together from distant dwelling places under the ancient family roof-tree is charged with the heart's truest poetry. The significance is not that it surfeits the belly with toothsome and succulent dainties, but that it fills the soul brimful of love and sympathy, effervescing anew after long absence. This is the truest religious sacrifice of the day, and so the dinner table becomes perhaps the most consecrated shrine of all, though no blood of the grape is poured out in libation there.

It is in the country that the finest joys of Thanksgiving are found. They go with turkey and pumpkin pie, not with terrapin and canvasback; with sparkling apple juice, not with champagne. The crisp, pure air, the association of rural life revived again with exhilarating freshness, the warming of family ties, the homely, appetizing dishes, into whose concoction the cook has poured the purest love and joy of the heart as well as fragrant spices and sweets, make up something which a banquet of Laetitia could equal. Many a world-worn spirit has found in such an occasion a new meaning of the duties of kind and earnestness, that, after all, life is well worth living. And so may it be always.

We have said nothing in this article about the giving of thanks, which the name of the day emphasizes. Well, perhaps the indulgence of love and innocent joy and the new birth of all the best sympathies of one's nature are as perfect a form of thanksgiving to the great Creator of all as prayer and psalm singing within the walls of the chapel. Without the first named all else is but as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

Happy Thanksgiving.

The happiest Thanksgiving is that which retains the spirit of primitive good cheer, simplicity and good fellowship. Dinners of style are not consistent with the occasion. There used always to be snow at Thanksgiving and roaring fires in the old big fireplace and hosts of gay relations coming from the country or town.

THE SONG OF THE OX WAGON.

This is the song of the straining span, the tune of the tattered tilt. Of the slow essays in perilous ways of the wagon stoutly built. The song that was sung in the ancient tongue when the days of the world dawned gray. The creaking creak of the disselboom, the song that is sung today.

East and west and south and north the first born herdsman spread, From the waters clear of the high Pamir, from the ancient Oxus bed. On and on to the plains of the Don their creaking wagons ran, And the disselboom showed out the doom that has given the earth to man.

Over the sands of the thirsty lands, under a brazen sky, Where the only law men bow before is the law of the assegal, Forth and forth to the dim far north where the broad Zambezi flows Still today in the ancient way the rumbling wagon goes.

Through the forest ways where the wild things graze, the dappled, the fawn, the gray; Where the tall "kameel" at sunset steal like ghosts to the silent vley; Where the lions drink at the reedy brink of the slowly shallow pan, The disselboom shows out the doom that has given the earth to man.

Slow and slow the wagons go by thicket and thorn and pool, But their thin path, traced on the homeless waste is the road of the coming rule. And in dread of that track the wild slinks back, and the thief and the beast give place To the farm and field and the yearly yield of the men of the wisser race.

East and west and south and north from the days of the dawn till now, Ere grass was burned or sod was turned by the share of the furrowing plow, This was the tune of the tattered tilt, the song of the straining span. How the disselboom points out the doom that has given the earth to man.

—St. James Gazette.

A GOOD TIME COMING.

It was an October day, and the air was charged with the aromatic sharpness that follows the change in nature caused by the first frost. The sounds of the woods had changed from the summer murmur to the autumn rustle, and nature, like an aging coquette, was dressing herself in gaudy colors for her last season. The maples were clustered in crimson magnificence on the knolls and ridges, while the elms and ashes in the hollows clothed themselves in softest yellows shot with green. And in the fields departing summer was shod with the russet of the stubble lands.

Through this scene of melancholy beauty was wandering fitfully, now half running, now sitting down, disquieted and unnerved, a man who seemed strangely out of keeping with it all. He was tall and gaunt, sharp eyed, and in moments of repose a man who bore all the marks of authority. His lips involuntarily shaped themselves to a "sneer of cold command," and his high, pale brow, with its bright, transparent skin, spoke of ceaseless thought.

But he was acting like one possessed. He would walk along rapidly for a few moments, scanning the trees like an Indian pot hunter and holding his gun in readiness for a quick shot. Then he would stop suddenly, arrested by a thought. Sometimes the thought would be one that would bring an oath from his lips, and sometimes it would bring to his face a look of perplexity that would end in the nervous laugh that tells of an uncomfortable feeling at the heart—the kind that often brings a moisture to the eyes and a choking feeling to the throat. Hiram Pratt was stirred to the depths of his nature—stirred as he thought he never could be. At one moment he would regret the impulse that had taken him back to his old home on the farm, and at the next he would thrill with boyish delight at the thought of bagging gray squirrels and quail, just as he used in his youth. His friends in New York would have been "deeply concerned" could they have seen him.

He had just spent the night with his mother in the old log house where he was born and had learned anew something that he had forgotten. In his business career he had schooled himself to consider money everything and sentiment nothing, but in that old house sentiment was supreme and counted for more than the riches of a palace. When he asked his mother why she did not live in the fine brick house which he had had built for her and which his brother now lived in, she replied:

"Why, Hiram, your father brought me here when we were married and when there wasn't five acres cleared on the farm. You were all born here, and all who are dead died here, and as I potter about you are all with me as you were when you were young. It wouldn't be the same in the new house."

Then she put up her old wrinkled face to be kissed as in the other days, and the worldly man stooped and kissed her. As he did the hardness of his heart chilled him like a curse, and snatching up a candle he hastened to the room her loving hands had prepared for him. All night he tossed on his pillow, striving to strike a balance between the love and tenderness he had lost and the millions he had gained, and it was because the problem was still painfully unsolved that he wandered about so distractedly through the October woods.

At last he came to the thicket where there used to be a covey of partridges every fall, but now there was no whirling of wings at his approach. But the fallen oak round which they used to hide and beside which he used to set the figure of four trap in the old days before the game laws were enforced was still there in almost the same condition as when he saw it last. He seated himself on the mossy trunk, and as his mind gradually quieted, soothed by the peace of nature, he went back to his boyhood and lived it all over again.

At last he remembered, and the memory came to him with the shock of a discovery who his companion and guide used to be in almost all his hunting expeditions. Old Sam Ehret! Could it be possible that he was still alive? Of course it could? Sam was only 15 years older than he was, though every body called him "old" 30 years ago.

But that was only on account of his almost senile simplicity and natural shiftlessness. Sam couldn't be more than 63 yet, and of course he must be alive. What times they used to have, trapping mink and shooting squirrels. This train of thought cleared the moral atmosphere for the millionaire at once. He would not be satisfied with coming to the old farm; he would go back to his youth and go out hunting with Sam. He had no real intention of doing any hunting when he left the house and had merely picked up the old gun as an excuse to get away to the woods, where he would be alone with his troubled thoughts. But now he would visit old Sam, and they would have an afternoon of hunting. This decision gave him such a thrill that out of pure exuberance of spirits he forgot his gun was loaded and cocked, swung it up and drew a bead on a clump of leaves in the top of a tall hickory. The explosion that instantly followed, sending the echoes rolling through the woods and starting the crows cawing, brought him out of his dreams with a shock, but the sound of the gun revived all his passion for shooting. After carefully reloading the old muzzleloader he started toward Sam's farm.

As he reached the farm he was surprised to find it so changed. There were new barns and stables and a new house, and everything was spick and span. He expected to see tumble down buildings and rickety fences instead of evidences of prosperity. But he strode cheerily across the field toward the house, inhaling the smell of the newly plowed soil, resolved to find out from the first person he met what had become of old Sam. Presently he saw a man busily digging in a ditch at the end of a field and directed his steps toward him. As he approached nearer he could hardly believe himself. It was undoubtedly his old friend, working away as if his life depended on it.

"Hello, Sam," he called cheerily as he came within hailing distance, "how are you?"

The digger stopped, looked at the stranger with an inquiring stare and answered half shyly:

"Hello! Nice day."

"Why, don't you remember me?"

"I must say you've got the start of me."

Pratt held up the index finger of his left hand, showing a rough, corrugated nail, and asked, with a laugh:

"What! You surely don't forget the fellow who went to pull the woodchuck out of the hollow tree in Black's woods and almost had his finger bitten off, do you?"

Sam's grizzled and whiskered face lit up suddenly, and he scrambled out of the ditch.

"Why!" he exclaimed as he transferred the mud from his hand to the leg of his trousers. "If it ain't little Hiram Pratt. Well, now," and he shook hands with him vigorously, "when did you get home?"

"Last night."

"Well, well, and you've come back to see us again. My, how you have grown and changed! Well, I suppose we've all got to get older. How's your mother? Glad to see you, wasn't she? Well, well! And they tell me you've got awful rich. I suppose you could buy out all the old neighbors now, couldn't you?"

Pratt laughed at the estimate of his wealth—he could have bought the whole county and turned it into a shooting park had he wished—and modestly replied that he didn't think he could do that, though he had got along pretty well. Then he changed the subject by remarking on old Sam's evident prosperity.

"Yes," said the old man delightedly, "things are lookin' better, ain't they? But of course you heard all about it?"

Pratt had not heard.

"Oh, no," he said, "this ain't my doings at all. They are Walter's. My oldest boy, Walter, you know. Jeel! I guess he was born after you left, wasn't he? Well, well, how time does fly, to be sure. I tell you, Walter is a mighty smart boy, but an awful fellow to work," and a half frightened expression came over his face.

As old Sam said this he jumped back into the ditch and picked up his shovel as if he were going to dig again.

"Well," said Pratt, "I'm glad your family is turning out so well, but you used to be more fond of hunting than of plowing and digging, didn't you?"

"Yes, but I ain't done no hunting in the last three or four years."

"Why, there are lots of squirrel left, are there not, and some quail and partridge?"

"Yes, but Walter would not let me," said the old man doggedly.

"Wouldn't let you! That's strange."

"No, he sold my gun."

"You surprise me."

"Well, I guess he was right. I used to waste an awful lot of time with it when I should have been working. If I had not wasted so much time, I would not have got into debt. I suppose you heard about that, didn't you?"

"Why, no; I did not hear anything about it."

"Oh, I was in awful trouble. I could not sleep nights or anything. The store bills kept getting bigger, and then I gave notes, and then a little mortgage, and the times kept getting harder and the taxes higher until I was almost crazy. But I tell you," and a little gleam of pride lit up his face, "Walter has changed all that, and even though he does make me work hard I don't know that I have any right to complain. You see, this is the way it was: When things got to the very worst and we were afraid the sheriff would come, Walter offered that if I would make over the farm to him and agree to work for him until I was 70 he would pay off all the debts, give something to each of the other children, and that after I was 70 neither myself nor the old woman would have to do any more work. He would support us, and we would have to worry about nothing."

By a series of questions Pratt learned from the old man all the details of this

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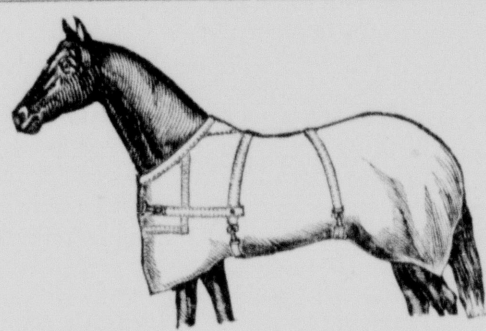
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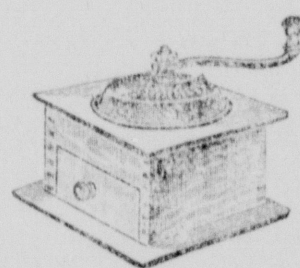
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Men's Linen Bosoms, reinforced bands, unlaundried.....39c
Same as above, laundried.....48c



Coffee Mills, white wood, 23c and up.

Towels.

All Linen, 20x37, colored border and fringed.....14c
Saxony Yarns, all colors, per skein...5c

Corsets.

Drab, whalebone stays.....23c
Black, " " \$1.00 value....49c
Shawls, all wool, assorted patterns, 36x36.....33c
Blankets, full size, colored borders at.....49c and up

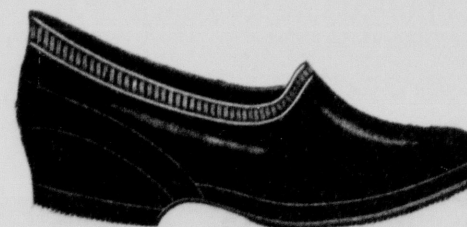
Brooms.

3 row stitched, brass cap.....14c
5 row stitched, very strong.....23c



Mittens and Gloves.

Child's Wool Mittens.....9c
Child's Wool Mittens.....12c
Ladies' Wool Mittens, double.....24c
Ladies' Wool Mittens, fancy backs...27c
Men's all Wool fleece lined Driving Mittens.....30c
Men's Leather Mittens, lined.....23c
Men's Leather Gloves, lined.....23c



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Inspect our line of Rubbers, Overshoes and Arctics, before buying.

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Our Sewing Machine contest goes merily on. Join now and try to win a \$75.00 machine.

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EAST BOUND	WEST BOUND
At Chicago 3:26 a.m.	At Chicago 1:25 a.m.
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At Chicago 6:30 a.m.	At Chicago 11:14 p.m.
At Chicago 7:08 a.m.	At Chicago 11:54 a.m.
At Chicago 11:05 a.m.	At Chicago 4:00 p.m.
At Chicago 3:54 p.m.	At Chicago 2:50 a.m.
At Chicago 5:30 p.m.	At Chicago 11:10 a.m.

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Freight, 7:30 p.m. At Chicago Fr. 6:35 a.m.
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SOUTH BOUND.	NORTH BOUND.
Passenger, 3:25 a.m.	Passenger, 11:55 p.m.
Passenger, 9:01 a.m.	Passenger, 5:47 a.m.
LaSalle Ps. 6:46 p.m.	Dubuque Ps. 3:46 p.m.
Freight, 11:45 a.m.	Freight, 11:10 a.m.

* Daily except Monday.
ANNA C. MEAD, Ticket Agent

WEATHER REPORT.

For the week commencing Nov., 22, '96.

	T.A.M.	1 A.M.	5 P.M.	Max	Min	Prev.
Sun.	17	34	31	37	17	..
Mon.	37	49	42	49	31	.05
Tues.	33	—	—	—	32	..
Wed.	57	—	—	—	41	.01
Thurs.	—	—	—	—	—	..
Fri.	—	—	—	—	—	..
Sat.	—	—	—	—	—	..

THE WEATHER.

The following is the weather forecast telegraphed at 9:27 o'clock a. m. today from the government observatory at Chicago:

Rain tonight and Thursday, cooler Thursday afternoon.

JOS. STERN.

Opera House Block.

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Jackets and Capes.

stylish, new and desirable Garments, now in the height of the season, you can buy them here at about the price they would sell for in January. Profits cut no figure; our object is to close them out as speedily as possible.

Bargains in Table Linen and Napkins.

Bleached all linen Damask Table Cloth, extra heavy and wide, at 50c, 63c, 75c a yard and up.

All linen Bleached Damask Dinner Napkins, 1/2 size, at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.90 and up.

Blankets!

11-4 size, double blankets, with handsome, bright borders, warm and heavy, at 75c a pair.

All home-made white blankets, soft and fleecy, full size, at \$2.49 a pair and up.

Large size bed comforters, good dark prints, well made, at 98c.

Best imported Saxony yarn, in all colors and black, at 5c a skein.

German Knitting Yarn!

Large double skein at 15c per skein.

See our black all silk satin brocade and figured gros-grain Dress Silks, for skirts and waists, extra heavy and full quality, at 75c and 98c a yard.

Ladies' ready-to-wear House Dresses, fleecy lined, neat dark styles, well made, wide skirt, at only 98c.

Ladies' Rubbers

at 25c a pair.

LADIES' OVERSHOES in all styles and qualities, at lowest prices.



CUPID'S CHOICE IN FINE SHOES should be relied on, as he knows he makes as many victims by a pretty foot clad in a dainty shoe as by any other attractive feature. Even Romeo praises Juliet's foot, "So light a foot ne'er hurts the trodden flower." Our new stock of Fall and Winter light, strong, comfortable shoes combines style, beauty and durability with reasonable prices.

Haley & Drew,
15 First Street

—B. B. Powell is out from Chicago.

—Frank Lind will eat turkey in Eldena.

—New jokes by the "End Men" tonight.

—O. McCaffray, of Maquoketa, Iowa, is here.

—J. J. Miller of Walnut, is at the Keystone.

—Theodore J. Hyde left this morning for Chicago.

—William Snyder returned home last evening.

—C. A. Morrill, of Kewanee, is a visitor here.

—C. G. Gille, of Clinton, Iowa, is at Hotel Bishop.

—H. A. Hamilton was up from Amboy yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McAlpine went east this morning.

—Benj. T. White if here from Cincinnati on business.

—Mrs. Judd Decker, of Sterling, is at the Nachusa House.

—Mrs. G. W. Dement is entertaining Miss Waring of Chicago.

—Clarence Stead was home from Polo for a few hours yesterday.

—Mrs. John Winders will visit for the next few weeks in Sycamore.

—Jacob Marteeney is expected home from Dubuque for Thanksgiving.

—L. F. Long is up from Sterling to see his sons, Norman and Samuel.

—Our athletes are planning the organization of an indoor bass ball club.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wearer are entertaining G. Steckbridge of Sharon, Wisconsin.

—Avery Manges accompanied Harry Petersberger east on a business trip this morning.

—Mrs. Ida Green returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit with friends in Sterling.

—Denny Carroll is credited with shooting a large wild goose in the swamps yesterday.

—Dr. Linnell of Chicago, is expected tonight to join his wife for Thanksgiving at the A. J. Brubaker residence.

—Hon. S. H. Bethea, Judge R. S. Farrand and States Attorney C. B. Morrison came home from Chicago last night.

—The Candle-lighters will hold their industrial meeting Friday afternoon at two o'clock with Mrs. Lydia Morrill on Peoria avenue.

—Napoleon Berard, a shoemaker by trade, who lives at Artesian Place, is willing to do any kind of work and is advertising for same.

—Ernest Bush, a young lad near Rock Falls, fell out of a wagon on his way home from school yesterday and fractured his left arm.

—Mark, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams of Palmyra, while playing at school recently had his arm dislocated at the elbow.

—John D. Parsons & Co. have a large bill folded into THE TELEGRAPH this evening, offering great bargains in gent's shoes and furnishings.

—A religious meeting for the children will be held tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Ostrom at the Methodist church.

—We take pride in mentioning that Walter Melick, a Palmyra boy, has been elected to the legislature in California, where he now resides.

—Mr. Edward Sanders and Miss Sannie Oellig, both of Ashton, were married at the Methodist parsonage this morning by Rev. O. H. Cessna.

—Miss Sue Steel departed on the east bound train this afternoon to spend Thanksgiving and visit a few days with friends between here and Chicago.

—The services at St. Luke's church tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, will be the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and morning prayer and short address at 10:30 a. m.

—All members of Minnie Bell Rebekah lodge are requested to be present tomorrow evening. Delegates report and staff work, is the special order of the session.

—Loveland & Stiteley yesterday closed a sale for the Nicholas Plein's property located in West End addition. The purchaser was Edwin C. Alwens, and the consideration \$1400.

—The Populist candidate for Governor of Maine, L. C. Baleman, now proposes to demonetize gold. We commend this man as the crank of cranks. He would freeze ice with fire and put out fire with kerosene. To demonetize gold he must dig it out of the mountains in car lots.

—Mrs. James Carroll, better known here as Miss Lillian Trelouven, a niece of Mrs. O. H. Cessna, died in Chicago this morning at 7 o'clock. Her newborn infant died with her. As soon as the sad news reached this city, Mrs. Cessna took the next train for Chicago.

Graveyard Literature.

The fashion of the world changes, and the trade of the epitaph maker grows slack. Here and there, it is true, some one is still honored after the old custom, but for the most part a text, appropriate or the reverse, a brief record of birth and death, a word or two of vague and general significance, with possibly a simple expression of regret, have replaced in our modern cemeteries these shorthand histories of the dead, tragic or humorous, tender or severe, some stained as with wine and made bloody, and some formerly marked their resting places.

It is not that in these later years men have lost that craving for remembrance which, as old as life itself, is so vain, in the case at least of the commonality of the race, that it might well be a subject for laughter were it not that what, seen from without is purely grotesque, assumes quite another complexion when it is touched by our own personality. It is not that the desire to be remembered is gone, and it is likely enough that in some fashion or another we should all still be epitaph makers, for ourselves or other people; if we had not lost faith in the permanency of the work. But time brings involuntary wisdom. "Our fathers find their graves in our short memories, and sadly tell us how we may be buried in our survivors." "While I live," promises a lover with melancholy truthfulness in a Roman epitaph quoted by Mr. Pater—"while I live you will receive this homage; after my death, who can tell?" And so it comes to pass that, submitting to the inevitable, men learn to limit their aspirations and to content themselves, by way of epitaph, with the "two narrow words," "He is dead," with which, says Sir Walter Raleigh, "eloquent death" covers all.—L. A. Taylor in North American Review.

What to Say About the Baby.

One is always expected to say something when looking for the first time on a new baby, and, as it is neither kind nor safe to tell the truth and say that the little, red, podgy creature doesn't look like anything, an English magazine gives a list of unpatented and uncopyrighted remarks to be used on such occasions:

"Isn't he sweet? He looks like you."

"I think he is going to look like his father."

"Hasn't he dear little fingers? Do let me see his dear little toes."

"Isn't he large?"

"Isn't he a tiny darling?"

"How bright he seems."

"Did you ever see such a sweet little mouth?"

"Isn't he just too sweet for anything?"

"The dear little darling. I never saw so young a baby look so intelligent."

"Do, please, let me hold him just a minute."

Any and all of these remarks are warranted to give satisfaction, just as they have been giving satisfaction from time immemorial until the present day.—Exchange.

Winter Shirt Waists.

Shirt waists are destined to remain with us all winter—not, however, the cotton affair, but silk most gorgeous in checks or changeable effect, yet cut strictly after the trim pattern of old. The only difference is that buttons are not used, but fancy studs in enamel or plain gold are made to do service and be ornamental. The band necktie so closely associated with the summer waist also holds its own and blazes in all the colors seen at sunrise or sunset. Collars and cuffs in white linen are worn. The silk waist, lined and boned, may be worn until wraps are necessary.—Boston Advertiser.

Yellowstone Geysers Dying Out.

W. W. Wylie of Helena, Mon., who has spent more years in the Yellowstone National park than any other man, says: "The geysers are gradually lessening in activity. As compared with 16 years ago, I should say there is not more than one-half the activity in the upper basin. I believe there will be few, if any, geysers in 50 years from now."—Chicago Chronicle.

Amusement, Business and Local Items

See The Players Company Friday night, 10, 20, and 30 cents.

There will be skating at Rosbrook's roller rink tomorrow afternoon. Good music.

The Players Company, Friday night.

The Players Company, Friday and Saturday night.

Ladies free night Friday, 10, 20, 30 cents.

Just received two firstclass second-hand pianos which have been thoroughly worked over new at the factory, which we will dispose of at your own price. Terms to suit purchaser. 324-4t HALLET & DAVIS CO.

The Players Company comes to us highly recommended and carry fine specialty people and will give an entertainment which will please. Seats on sale tomorrow morning at 8 a. m. at Eastman's book store.

We have a nice lot of cut roses and other flowers W.R. Parker's drug store. Chrysanthemums 25c per dozen, orders for thanksgiving should be sent in at once. DAVIS & BAIRD, telephone No 31. 23c2

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A. I. Gage is now running hacks to all trains, or any part of the city. Day calls leave at Parker's, telephone 45; night calls at Hotel Bishop, Telephone 135. 26tf

Soft coal that burns as clear as wood is nice, and Pitcher is the only one in Dixon who sells it. It is the Assumption.

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VERY CHEAP! The Dr. Paine cottage, to be removed. 15tf

THE HUB CIGAR. A fresh 10-cent cigar for 5 cents at J. R. Pollock's, 103-Galena Ave. 94tf Personally Conducted Tour Through Mexico.

The North-Western Line has arranged for a personally conducted tour through Mexico, under the auspices of Mr. J. J. Grafton, the well known excursion manager. The party will unite at Chicago and leave there Tuesday morning February 2, 1897, in a special vestibuled train of palace sleeping cars, observation cars and dining cars, which will be their home for the entire trip. During the tour, which will consume thirty days, all of the cities and almost every place of interest in this wonderful country will be visited. To accommodate those who desire to remain longer than thirty days, arrangements will be made for the extension of the time limit of tickets. "Illustrated pamphlets and full information as to rates, etc., will be furnished on application to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry. Dec31s

WANTED.

WORK—Am a shoemaker by trade, but will gladly accept any kind of employment. NAPOLEON BERARD, Artesian Place. 243*

GILL competent to do general housework. Call at 290 First St. 253*

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BOARDERS at Transient House, \$1.00 day, second door north of N. W. Depot. FRANK P. SANFORD, Prop. 234w*

SITUATION—By a young man, with good references. Call on or address E. W. Heynen, 302 Ottawa Ave. 223*

RIGHT away, a good reliable boy on dairy farm. 21tf A. G. JEDD.

STITCHERS on bicycle shoes; also Gore S. seamers. Apply to Selz, Schwab & Co., Cor. Superior and Larrabee streets, Chicago. 10. Yours truly, SELZ, SCHWAB & CO. 203*

MAN—Liberal compensation; experienced or not. Stock guaranteed to grow. BROOKS BROS. CO., Nursymen, Chicago. Dec 20*

1000 MEN, Women and Children, at the European Restaurant to eat lunches. Open day and night. KIT CARSON, Lunch. 203*

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NOTICE of all electric bells to be repaired N. and all houses needing new electric bells annunciators, fancy house numbers or name plates. All work guaranteed. Send postal card to F. E. Rice, or telephone him at the College. 186*

MONEY—Will pay six percent and give first mortgage on first class property and note for \$3000. Apply at this office. 80tf

SALESMEN in every district; new season; samples free; salary or commission with expenses from start. LUKE BROOK, Chicago. 34 Dec. 5 stop.

FOR RENT.

A furnished front room on first floor handy to college or shoe factory, with or without board, 502 College Ave. 233*

DECEMBER the photograph rooms in Tillson building, now occupied by Brown, also one or two rooms on second floor. 21tf O. B. DODGE.

HOUSE of nine rooms at Bluff Park, good location and A. 1 condition. Terms reasonable. Apply to J. B. Cleary, Dixon brewery. 203*

ONE or more rooms, furnished or unfurnished, would do for light housekeeping. Centrally located to business part of city. Call at this office. MRS. A. W. GOODRICH 203*

FOR SALE.

\$3500 property in North Dixon for \$2500 if taken at once. Call on or address C. B. MORRISON. 24tf

A GOOD Family Horse for sale cheap. Enquire at Rosbrook & Wasley's livery stable. 23c2

\$50 SCHOLARSHIP in Steinman Institute. Address F. care TELEGRAPH. 1816

STOVE—A Turner Zephyr stove in good repair; suitable for small store or large office. Enquire at A. S. C. Milk office. 67tf

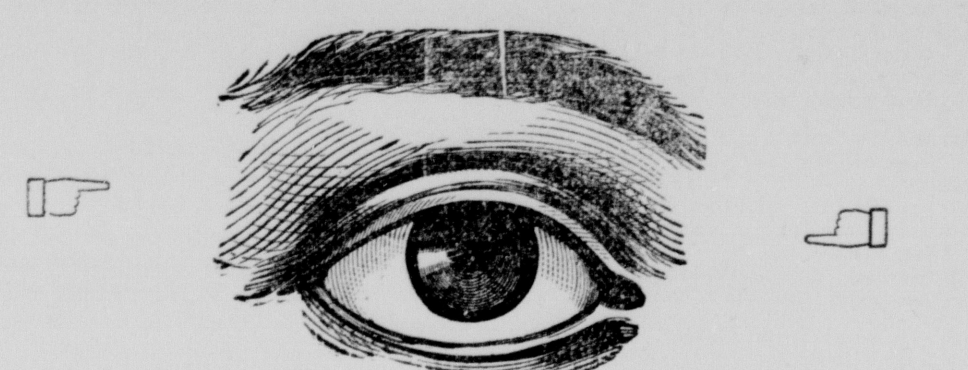
DELIVERY wagon, used a few times, will sell for \$30; less than cost. Enquire Geo. Shaver's Livery Barn No. 113 First street. 83tf

FARM 5 miles from Dixon. For sale on easy terms, or will exchange for city property. JOHN J. DEVLIN, at Morris & Son's store. 79tf

PARCEL DELIVERY.

THOMAS FITZPATRICK wishes to announce that he is now prepared to deliver goods to any part of the city at reasonable cost. Safe delivery guaranteed. Leave orders at Bunnell & Barley's Drug Store. 75c1mo

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